Focus on hung parliament

### Kinnock offers PR bait to floating voters

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBIN OAKLEY

NEIL Kinnock and John Major engaged in a tugof-war for Liberal Democrat and floating voters yesterday as all three party leaders were forced to face up to the prospect of a hung parliament for the

After Mr Major's warning to Liberal Democrat support-ers that a vote for Paddy Ashdown would let in Labour, Mr Kinnock attempted to woo them by promising to broaden Labour's electoral

In a move that may put pressure on Mr Ashdown to sustain a minority Labour government if Thursday's election results in a hung parliament, the Labour lead-er also offered the Liberal Democrats and others a place at the negotiating table in discussions over whether Britain should have a new electorall system. Mr Kinnock pled-ged to build the widest pos-sible support round his pro-gramme for government but he stopped well short of Mr Ashdown's demand for immediate legislation on proportional representation and

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for life Two men who ordered a boy aged 17 to lie face down while robbing a petrol sta-tion of £70 then shot him in the back were jailed for life. The judge at Winchester crown court said Jamil Chowdhary and Mohammed Nazir were guilty of the "brutal, senseless and horrifying murder of an innocent young man".....Page 3

### Canvasser is shot dead

A Sinn Fein election canvasser was killed by Loyalist gunmen in Co Londonderry hours after another Loyalist group murdered one of its own members...

### Clinton's vow

Bill Clinton, the Democratic front-runner, told a television talk-show host that they would have to sit in silence unless there was an end to questions about extra-marital affairs .. Page 15

### B&B boom

Bed and breakfasts are going upmarket as business men balk at hotel prices. Many B&Bs now have ensuite bathrooms, fourposter beds and even fax machines, yet rarely charge more than £25 a night

### Lloyd's enquiry

An investigation into one of Lloyd's biggest loss-making syndicates found irregularities, according to an affidavit lodged at the Commer-

### Still at home

Chelsea will continue to play at Stamford Bridge after assurances from Cabra Es-

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the prime minister rejected it

altogether.
Mr Kinnock was quickly rebuffed by the Liberal Democrat leader who declared that he was "wobbling on the fence" and had to come down on one side or the other. Believing that both parties will try to go it alone if they form minority governments, Mr Ashdown appealed to Conservative and Labour voters to put pressure on their leaders so that they will do a deal with the Liberal Democrats in a hung parliament.

As Mr Kinnock appeared to be opening the door to a change in the voting system. the prime minister reiterated that there were "no circumstances" in which he would introduce proportional representation. He said govern-ments would be unable to take firm decisions. "You are in a perpetual state of campaigning, backstairs deals and trying to cobble together majorities for individual pieces of policy."

Mr Ashdown said that the clear opinion poll support for coalition would force the two main parties to deal in a hung parliament because the two eaders would fear a public backlash in a second election if they refused. The Liberal Democrat leader said that Mr Kinnock had merely "shuffled a bit on the fence" and he had to say yes or no to PR before polling day. Speak-ing in Torquay, Mr Ashdown said: "What we got from Mr Kinnock this morning is not a decision it's a fidure. It's day decision, it's a fudge. It's de-



Labour's manifesto makes plain that its Plant enquiry into voting systems, which has already recommended PR for the proposed Scottish parliament, will be upgraded to a commission "with an extended membership and enhanced authority". Mr Kinnock went further vester-Continued on page 20, col 3

signed to confuse people, it's

suggest."
However, politicians in all parties question whether Mr

Ashdown would carry out his

threat to bring down a Lab-our government after it had promised a step in the direc-tion of reform. Mr Kinnock's

intervention, on a day when 98 per cent of his parliamen-

se per cent of rus parnamen-tary candidates were appear-ing at events to mark Charter 88's "democracy day", was a clear attempt to win over what one aide called "the two-

thirds of the population who

are not dyed-in-the-wool Tory

In carefully couched concil-

iatory language he said that, although Labour would win

an overall majority, he be-lieved it would be swelled in the Commons by MPs from other parties who backed Labour's policies for recovery.

health and education. Labour

was, he said, looking to "lead

by consensus", winning

broad appeal for sensible pol-icies. Asked whether he was bridge-building, Mr Kinnock replied: "Neither bridges, nor

Both the Labour leader and

Mr Major insisted, as they

have to, that there will be no

hung parliament and that they will win outright victory. Labour is making plain that if it is the largest party in a hung parliament, there will

be no negotiations with third parties. He will put forward a

programme and effectively challenge the other parties to

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### **Doubts still cloud** Labour spending

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

FRESH doubts were raised yesterday over Labour's ability to fund existing public spending plans after John Smith backed away from earlier pledges to accept some E9.5 billion the government has earmarked from future sales of state assets.

The shadow chancellor contradicted Neil Kinnock by saying that Labour had not decided whether to order sales of the remaining 20 per cent state holding in BT and the 40 per cent stake in the two power generating com-panies. Mr Smith's intervention came after Mr Kinnock had indicated repeatedly that Labour intended to use the proceeds of these sales for

public spending. On Monday, Mr Kinnock said in a Panorama interview that Labour was "at par" with the Conservatives over future privatisation revenues. On Wednesday, in reply to a direct question about the three companies, he said that a Labour government would have "whatever resources are available to a Conservative government".

But yesterday the Labour leader clouded the picture when asked if he would sell off the state holdings in BT, National Power and PowerGen. "I didn't say that we would Continued on page 20, col 6



Stepping up: France's new prime minister, Pierre Bérégovoy, facing the press in Paris yesterday after he was named to succeed the ousted Edith Cresson. The former finance minister promised that tackling unemployment would top his agenda. Details, page 14: leading article, page 17

### Titanic's rockets ignored

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE distress rockets fired by the Titanic on the night of April 14, 1912 after she hit an iceberg on her maiden voyage were ignored by the British cargo ship Califor-nian, a report by the marine accident investigation branch of the transport department said yesterday.

But even if Stanley Lord, master of the Californian, had taken "proper action" and steamed at full speed through the ice to the stricken liner he would not have been in time to save any of the 1.490 lives lost because he was probably 18 miles away.

The investigation, ordered by the former transport secretary Cecil Parkinson after the wreck of the Titanic was discovered in 1985, continues to shroud in mystery the part played by Lord, however. The report says that there

were "no villains in this story just human beings with human characteristics."

Captain blamed, page 5



### Tripoli mobs vent fury on embassies

By Christopher Walker in Cairo

MOBS in Tripoli went on the rampage yesterday in diplomatic enclaves, attacking some embassies that were involved in the United Nations vote to apply sanctions against Libya, and holding noisy protests outside others. including that housing the small British interests section.

European diplomats, contacted by telephone, said that much of the violence appeared to have been orchestrated by the government of Colonel Muammar Gadaffi. but there was also an element of spontaneity in the nots. reflecting resentment against what are seen as Western double standards towards

Arabs as opposed to Israel. The worst hit embassy was that of Venezuela's, which held the presidency of the United Nations Security Council when the sanctions vote was passed on Tuesday. A mob of about 200 people attacked the building, setting fire to parts of the interior. They also destroyed files, fur-

niture, telex machines and

the private apartment of a resident counsellor. A crowd of 100 people who surrounded the Austrian embassy was confronted by

Wilfried Almoslechler, the Austrian ambassador in Libya, who persuaded them to disperse. "I had just come back from the Venezuelan embassy, which was completely burnt out," he said in a telephone interview. "I saw this crowd around the building, and some people throwing stones."
He said: "The leader came

up to me and read out a declaration, accusing Austria siding with the United States against Libya. He said all Austrian firms must leave the country. I managed to calm him, and told him that Austria was not an enemy of Libya. They were mainly young - students perhaps - and went away after a while. The real damage is to the Venezuelans. Two cars were Continued on page 20, col 8

### **Dapper Don convicted**

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JOHN GOTTI, the alleged leader of the mafia in New York, was convicted yesterday of murder and racketeering after a 10-week trial in which his right-hand man gave evidence against him.

As the forewoman of the ury read the verdict Gotti, known as the Dapper Don, showed no reaction. The verdict ended the government's six-year crusade to topple America's most notorious crime boss.

Gotti, aged 51, faces life in prison; other counts against him and against co-defendant Frank "Frankie Locs" Locascio, aged 59, were still being read. Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano. Gotti's right-hand man was the key prosecution witness.

### A night in jail for twelve good friends and true

PAUL WILKINSON

TWELVE men were not amused when, after turning up at court to support a friend in the dock found they would be spending the night in custody for contempt of court rather than spending it celebrating.

Judge Angus MacDonald, aged 60, who spent 22 years in East Africa, first as resident magistrate in the colony of Nyasaland and then as Crown Council when the country became independent Malawi, took exception to the young men's cheers of pleasure when the jury at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court found John Barclay, aged 24, not guilty of wounding two men in a brawl outside a Chinese restaurant last summer. His friends found themselves herded into the very dock their friend had quit only moments before to face the

irate judge. And when his questions

produced only a limited response he consigned them all to cells for the

Ten of the group, aged in their teens and early twenties found themselves inside Durham high security prison, home to some of the country's most dangerous convicts. Only two were found less forbidding lodgings at the Low Newton remand centre in Northumberland. After a night in custody they were brought back to court yesterday to make formal

Now at least one of them is taking legal advice on compensation. Lee Gilholm. aged 19, of Westerhope. Newcastle, claims he was not even in the public gallery at the time of the acquittal. "I was standing outside the court when I heard the noise and the rest of the lads piled out. A policeman ordered us all back in because the judge wanted to see us."

He claimed he was refused permission to tell his family what had happened or to call a solicitor. "I am furious about my treatment and determined to take action against the judge. I got nothing to eat, just a cup of tea. I wasn't allowed any phone calls and I asked repeatedly to see a solicitor but was told it was not

Another of the men, Tony Davison, aged 21, said: "It was terrible. We were all in different cells. We couldn't believe it when we were carted off to prison, just for cheering when our friend was cleared.

Some of us lept out of our seats and cheered. It was an automatic reaction of relief and emotion.

"The judge called everyone down and put them in the dock. He asked who had cheered and some said they had while others said they hadn't. Then he locked all of us up.

The judge's action was condemned by Madeline Colvin, a legal officer with the National Council for Civil Liberties. "This is a disgraceful example of a judge abusing his power and the Lord Chancellor should immediately investigate how this happened. It is outrageous to interpret the cheering of an acquittal as a

contempt of court," she said.
Jailing the men, the judge, accused them of "a most unseemly outburst of shouting". He told them he had exercised his powers to detain them and could have imposed a heavier sentence for the "disgraceful" episode. "It has not been possible to establish positively what part each of you played, but it is absolutely plain that you were closely associated with those who have admitted the outburst. "It was so loud and sustained it visibly shocked some members of

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### Sinn Fein canvasser is murdered by Loyalists

A SINN FEIN election canvasser was shot dead yesterday by Lovalist gunmen who claimed that he was a local IRA commander.

The shooting of Danny Cassidy by the Ulster Freedom Fighters came hours after a separate Loyalist group murdered one of its own members, saying that he was engaged in acts of "treason". This was seen as indi-cating that his killers thought he was working as an

Mr Cassidy, a married man in his thirties, was sitting in the driver's seat of his car in the village of Kilrea in Co Londonderry chanting to a man who was leaning masked gunmen drew up

### TV-am and Virgin win radio bid

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TV-AM and Virgin, losers in last autumn's ITV blind-bid auction, yesterday won the battle for Britain's second independent national radio licence in spite of bidding less than half the £4 million top

The Radio Authority rejected as unsuitable the highest offer for the rock and pop station's eight-year licence from Independent National Broadcasting Company, a consortium of Sheffield businessmen and former radio

Independent Music Radio the 50-50 Virgin and TV-am venture, bid £1.88 million to provide listeners with a proad-based album rock and chart music format.

alongside. Police said he was shot from inside the adjoining car. The man to whom he was talking escaped unhurt.

Mr Cassidy was working as an election canvasser for Pauline Davey-Kennedy, a Sinn Fein councillor and candidate in East Londonderry. a seat held by Willie Ross of the Ulster Unionist party. Ms Davey-Kennedy is the daughter of John Davey, a previous election candidate in the constituency and a Sinn Fein councillor in nearby Magherafelt, who was murdered by Loyalists in Febru-

Mr Cassidy's death is the latest in a series of attacks on members of Sinn Fein by the UFF, a cover name for the legal Ulster Defence Association, which has now killed five party members in 11 months

Last night. Sinn Fein played down speculation that Mr Cassidy's death might be related to the election or his role as a canvasser. Richard McCauley, the party's main spokesman in Belfast, said Mr Cassidy's murder had to be viewed against the backdrop of the campaign against Sinn Fein by British minis-

ters and Unionist politicians. Mr Cassidy's death, the 40th in Northern Ireland this year, came hours after Peter McClements, a father of two aged 43. was shot by the other main Loyalist paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, at Lurgan in Co Armagh. He was killed by a gunman who waited for him to return home, chased him up the driveway and shot him The UVF, in a call to the

BBC in Belfast, claimed that Mr McClements was one of its members who was guilty of treason, suggesting that they thought he was acting as an informer either for police or for Republicans.



Wintry walk: a pupil heading for school near Kirkstone Pass, Cumbria, after overnight snow left many roads in the county passable only with care yesterday. Heavy rain caused flooding in northern

England and parts of Scotland, and many areas are expected to see gales, fog. snow, sleet and floods tomorrow (David Young writes). Drier and brighter wea-ther will arrive by the end of the

weekend, but many areas will refice said. Northern Electric said yesterday that 17,000 homes had been blacked out overnight. All but 500 had their supplies re-

stored by midday. The most serious problem caused by heavy rain was a landslide which closed the Al north of Newcastie upon Tyne. Many people had to be evacuated from their homes in Morpeth.

Rothbury and Ponteland. The rain in the North-East is expected to have little effect on overall national water reserves, with areas of East Angia. Kent and Surrey threatened with drought this year.

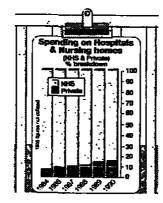
### Health and medical insurance

### Private sector is booming

By JEREMY LAURANCE

PRIVATE health and residential care is proving to be proof businesses of the early 1990s, fuelled by a combina-tion of a contracting public sector and booming demand. Spending on private medi-

cal insurance exceeded £1 billion for the first time in 1990, 15 per cent up on 1989, according to figures published today in Laing's Review of Private Healthcare. The number of insured subscribers grew by 7 per cent, with 6.6 million people, 11.7 per cent of the population, Substantial price increases



in 1991 halted the increase in subscribers, but spending is estimated to have risen by a further 15 per cent.

Hospital consultants have shared in the boom. Fees paid to the 12,000 who do some private practice averaged £40,000 in 1990, on top of NHS salaries, then ranging from £32,000 to £86,000.

Spending on private nursing and residential homes for the elderly has grown even more sharply, by 26 per cent in the year to March 1991. Seven out of ten residents of private homes are now paid for by the state. The numbers claiming income support rose 22 per cent last year to 231,000, and the average income support payment in-creased from £129 to £156.

The growth of private nurs-ing homes and the closure of NHS geriatric beds are the principal factors shifting the palance of provision of health

☐ The number of patients waiting over two years for treatment was cut by almost 97 per cent in the year to 31 March, according to provi-sional figures released yester-Оy neaith department. But 1,640 patients still remained to be treated, cheating the govern-ment of its goal of clearing the two year lists by 1 April.

Health authorities have been engaged in a scramble to clear their two-year lists since William Waldegrave, the health secretary, gave no-tice earlier this year that every region would be expected to meet the target, set out in the patient's charter. The challenge has proved too much for three regions, North West Thames (788 still waiting), West Midlands (177) and South East Thames (97). The remaining 11 regions all have fewer then 25 patients still waiting, and four have

none.

I Two thirds of people are satisfied "with the way in which the NHS runs nowadays" and fewer than one fifth are dissatisfied, according to a survey commissioned by the independent Kings Fund Institute. The institute warns, however, that the findings must be interpreted with

### Minimum funding urged for schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN alliance of teachers and parents yesterday demanded a minimum level of funding for every state school, as a growing number of education authorities began to implement budget cuts.
In the last fortnight alone,

parents at six schools have notified the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations of requests for more money to maintain existing staffing levels.

Margaret Morrissey, who chairs the confederation, said: "We believe in an excellent state education system for every child and not just the ones whose parents can aff-

· David Hart, general secretary of the National Associ-ation of Head Teachers, said that many local authorities faced dire financial prospects. They were struggling to cope with rising pupil numbers, trying to keep class sizes down and facing additional decurriculum.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, which hosted a London news conference, added that £3 billion was needed to teach the new curriculum adequately.

Independent reports com-missioned by the union estimated that the new curriculum required 20,000 more teachers in primary schools and 17,500 in sec-

ondary schools.

Mr McAvoy argued that the minimum requirements of each school should be assessed on the basis of its size. No government could guarantee proper levels of funding immediately, but a new system should be phased in over

an agreed period.
"We now have a national curriculum, a national system of testing. How can we deny national minimum standards of resources to pay for that national curriculum?" he

Schools in Newcastle upon Tyne faced 6 per cent cuts and were being forced to make 80 teachers and 40 non-teaching staff redundant, Mr Hart said. In Avon, schools had been told to find savings of £1.5 million to

fund the teachers' pay award.

Similar cuts were being im-plemented all over the Mrs Morrissey said: "Parents are telling us every day that they are having to pay up to £100 per child into school budgets. We have yet to see

the effect on relationships between those who can afford to pay and those who cannot."

Mr Hart said that there was an urgent need for a fundamental review of the

way state education is funded. Although school repairs were essential, top priority had to be given to the recruitment and retention of top quality teachers to meet the demands of the national curriculum. The financial difficulties of

local authorities had been exrbated by the ment's failure to provide full funding for the teachers' pay increase of 7.8 per cent, Mr Hart added.

Schools all over the country were facing deficits, which could only be wiped out by cutting staff or reducing spending on books and

equipment



Hart: "councils

### Union tells actors not to sign Costa soap contracts

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH actors have threatened to boycott BBC1's new £10 million Spanish soap opera Eldorado, which is intended to boost the channel's ratings this autumn.

Equity, the actors' union yesterday instructed all British agents and actors not to sign contracts for the soap, which is scheduled to begin production in the mountains above Marbella next month. It is the first time a British soap will be shot entirely on a foreign location, and the union is angry that the BBC has left it powerless by not applying British production production

agreements. The 30-strong cast — whether British, Swedish, German, Italian, French or Spanish - will be offered Spanish contracts with no residual repeat fees. Cast-ing has already begun and the first contracts have been

sent out this week. None has yet been signed. Eldorado, devised by East-Enders creator Julia Smith and previously known as Little England, will be broadcast three times a week in the slot vacated by

Terry Wogan's chat show. Ian McGarry, general secretary of Equity, said: "The last thing we want to do is to stop this important new series but we cannot agree that our members should be working on less favourable terms than if they were here, and in the absense of any financial guarantees." He also accused the BBC of "secrecy and evasion".

The BBC denied suggestions that Ms Smith and Verity Lambert, an independent producer, were subcontracting production to a Spanish company, JD&T Productions, to avoid Brit-ish agreements. "Equity's nose is out of joint because

it isn't involved in it," a BBC spokesman said. "There is no evidence of a boycott. Actors are not going out there with arms up their backs; they want to be involved in a very exciting project."

Actors are being offered contracts requiring them to work 48 hours a week, 46 weeks a year, with up to 12 hours filming each day. This will exclude travel, make-up time and meals. The BBC said that under Spanish Equity arrangements, actors would be paid according to age and experience.

The soap's 25-acre site in the mountain village of Coin, fully operational from May, is three times as big as the Albert Square set in EastEnders. Its construction has provoked environmental protests in Spain. after a large part of a pine forest was cleared to make way for it.

### Drinking driver avoids ban

A man caught driving while almost twice over the alcohollimit has escaped being banned after a Scottish cour. was told that disqualification could affect his son's place at a private school. An appeal may be lodged by the procurator fiscal's department.

The man, who cannot be named, was fined £250 and given four penalty points by Aberdeen sheriff court.

The driver appeared before the court earlier this week and admitted drinking and driving. In mitigation his lawyer said that if he lost his licence he would lose his job. This in turn would affect his son's education at a £4,000-a-year private school.

Sheriff Rosie Marrison said that there were "special reasons" for not imposing the usual driving ban and substi-

### £3m deal lost

A Portuguese firm, Indep. has beaten Royal Ordnance to win a 😂 million contract to supply the British Army with 16 million rounds of ammunition. The ammunition would have been made by the British company's factory at Radway Green, Cheshire, which employs about 1.000 workers. Royal Ordnance said it had won two other army contracts, for 5.56mm blanks and tracer bullets.

### Comedian ill

The comedian Frankie Howerd was in intensive care last night after being admitted to hospital for heart and lung tests. Mr Howerd, aged 70, was taken to the Harley Street Clinic in London after difficulty breathing. Mr Howerd. who has found a new generation of young admirers on the alternative comedy circuit, is due this summer to work on Carry on Columbus, the 30th in the Carry On film series.

### Life sentence

Danny Gardiner, aged 32, a decorator, of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, was jailed for life yesterday after being found guilty of murdering Alan "Chalkie" White, whose body was found in a lake at the Cotswold Water Park, Gloucestershire, in 1989. He had been due to testify about Gardiner's alleged part in a robbery.

### Airmen escape

The pilot and the crewman of an American F1-11 bomber ejected to safety yesterday as it crashed into a field near its base at RAF Upper Hevford, Oxfordshire, sending wreckage into a factory car park. damaging 15 cars. No one was hurt. The crew ejected in the cockpit capsule of the aircraft, which appeared to develop engine trouble soon after take-off, and were picked up a mile from the wreckage.

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The Times has won a commendation for design in the Newspaper Industry Awards. organised by Newspaper Focus, the industry's magazine. The judges said that they were "impressed with the determined manner in which 'The Thunderer' is seeking to resume its historic mantle of authority". The Sunday Times won an award for the excellence of web offset presswork on its Review section.

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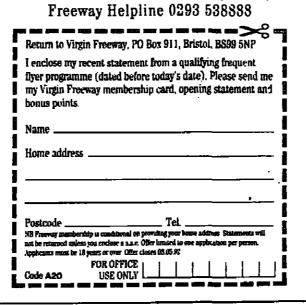
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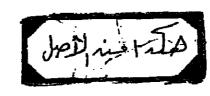
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### Killers who shot boy in the back jailed for life

counter to pay, Chowdhary

entered carrying a sawn-off shotgun and ordered the boys

to get on the floor. Nazir

demanded the cash and

Chowdhary shot Raymond in

the back, holding the gun inches from the boy's body. Both men denied murder.

Chowdhary, aged 25, of Reading, was also jailed for

12 years, to run concurrently, for robbery, which he had denied, and Nazir, aged 21,

of no fixed address, was sen-

tenced to ten years for the same offence, which he had

admitted, also to run concur-

prosecution argued that both

men were responsible for the

murder because they had planned and caried it out

together. David Elfer, QC, for

the crown, had told the court

that Nazir had returned

home after the shooting and

went to the bathroom saying

that he had shot a boy. He might not have pulled the

trigger but his self identifica-

tion at home made him just

Anthony Hacking, QC, counsel for Chowdhary, told the judge there was evidence

that both men had been tak-

ing drugs and that partly explained why they were in-volved in such "a wanton act"

and had reacted in such a

cool manner to the events. He

said Chowdhary and Nazir

had first met during commu-

nity service imposed by a court some years before.

The pair had become

friends and then partners in

crime. The friendship deteri-orated after the raid. Nazir,

on remand in jail for another offence, decided to tell the

police that Chowdhary had

committed the murder because his former best friend

had taken his girl friend. He

then found himself charged

Raymond's parents, twin

brother David and Mr Pol-

lock were in court when the

verdict was announced. After-

wards they said that they

hoped the men would never be released. "I lost my best friend who I loved dearly.

Prison for life is just too soft for what they did," Mr Pol-

lock said. Annette Kelly said

she still felt bitter about her son's death. "I feel we have been inflicted with a life sen-

tence as a family. We have got to try and get back to some sort of normal life."

Superintendent Peter

Long, who led the investiga-tion into the murder, said

that it was one of the most

heart breaking killings he had dealt with. "It was a

totally unnecessary expendi-ture of life for a very selfish

purpose. This robbery could

have been committed without

as responsible.

Throughout the trial the

WO men who shot dead a entering and selecting a enager after ordering him drink. As he went to the lie face down on the floor ihile they robbed a petrol lation were yesterday jailed

Jamil Chowdhary and Moammed Nazir were guilty of ne "brutal, senseless and orrifying murder of an innoent young man", Mr Justice hillips told Winchester rown court.

Their victim, Raymond kelly, aged 17, was hit in the back by a blast from a sawniff shotgun. Moments before, is he lay beside his friend on he floor, he said: "I'm gonna et shot. I'm gonna get shot."
The killers stole £70 in the

raid at the Phoenix Green filling station on the A30 at Harrley Wintney, Hamp-shire, in February last year. Matthew Pollock, who had asked Raymond to accompany him to the petrol station to keep the owner's daughter Sophie Ashworth, aged 19. company as she manned the cashier desk, had also been ordered to lie down on the

floor.
Mr Pollock, aged 18, said that he and Raymond were terrified. He told how he heard his friend whisper that he was going to be fired at. He said that he saw the gun coming towards them and then heard a bang. The next thing he saw was the feathers from Raymond's body warmer rising into the air.

Chowdhary and Nazir ran off after taking the money from the till but they had been captured on a security cam-era. The film showed Nazir, with a scarf around his face,



The potoroo: a fierce rabbit-sized kangaroo

### Rodent is called to serve

By RONALD FAUX

THE Smithsonian Institute in Washington has requested the services of Bruce, a three-toed potoroo from Blackpool, in a hazardous breeding venture. The rare and reclusive rodent is the ugliest and least loved creature in the town's zoo, but he is believed to be the only viable and available breeding male of his kind in captivity in the world.

Few people know he exists. He emerges from his quarters only at dusk just as the zoo is closing and his rat-like snout and small pointed ears are rarely seen during the day. In a poll by the North West tourist board to discover the zoo's most popular animals in the zoo, Bruce was ignored. He was tracked down by the Smithsonian, which was seeking a mate for its two

female potoroos. Bruce descends from the last potoroos imported into Britain from Tasmania in the late 1970s. He is difficult to handle and can be extremely ill-tempered. "He may be incredibly ugly but as a stud he stands alone,"

Blackpool zoo said. There is some concern about how Bruce will react to having his bachelor seclusion disturbed by a transatlantic journey and an encounter with two female rat kangaroos. Bruce is four years old and set in his ways. He lives on red peppers. peanuts and bananas and spends most of his life unconscious. But during mating the male is likely to tear

off his partner's legs. Left unattended a pair of male potoroos, which are the size of rabbits with greybrown fur, fight not to the death but until one has castrated the other, which could account for the potoroo's status as a rare breed. "It is an alarming and extremely vicious style of intercourse and difficult to predict what the outcome will be. Bruce has led a very quiet life but he did sire two

now being made for Bruce's journey to Washington. In return for his services Blackpool zoo hopes to receive a



ham, centre, chief executive of Roy-al Marsden hospital, is congratulated by two of the nursing staff after receiving the Business Woman of the Year award in London yesterday (Alison Roberts writes). Miss Cunningham, aged 54, pictured with Sister Laura Hitchcock, left, and staff nurse

THE Turkish onions grown

by a British company arrived

safely in the shallot-growing

capital of France yesterday, to

the quiet chagrin of Brittany's

farmers.
After action by the British

and French governments, there was no sign of the vio-

lence threatened by French

farmers against Davex, the

British import and export firm behind the cargo, or its lorry. After a journey of 3,800km lasting six days, Nazim Ugar, the Turkish driver, climbed from the cab

of his 40ft-long rig at the company packing depot in Plouneour Trez. Brittany, and smiled:

The last 16km of the jour-

ney had been as part of a

convoy. Leaving customs in the port of Brest early yester-day morning, he followed

François Maze, the owner of

the plant. Behind them were

carloads of journalists and a

At one point Mr Ugar

stopped when he was separat-

ed from M Maze's car by a

camera crew from Yorkshire

Television. A French tele-

vision crew later swerved into

the path of the lorry. French motorists and farmers looked

There were no brass bands

or:flags to welcome the con-

voy but some enterprising journalists had brought

Union flags with them and Mr Ugar was happy to hoist

police escort.

on incredulously.

Assumpta O'Callaghan, was the first woman from the public sector to win the Veuve Clicquot title. Past holders include Anita Roddick. founder of The Body Shop, and Prue Leith, who owns a companies and restaurants group. Miss Cunning-ham is in charge of 2,000 staff and a E60 million budget at Britain's lead-ing cancer hospital. She has elimi-

Brittany farm dispute

Onion lorry gets through

FROM PETER VICTOR IN BREST

one aloft for he cameras while

standing on a pile of shallots.

about unloading the onions and resuming his business, which has been almost at a standstill for the past week.

The farmers from the dis-

trict didn't cause us any trou-

ble this time," he said. "I just

want to get on with the work now so we can win back the

order and goodwill that we have lost while this has been

going on:" Another load is

expected today and M Maze said he hoped and expected

that the journey would go as

The general view in Britta-

M Maze immediately set

nated a £2 million deficit in two years and maintained the number of patients treated and the level of research, development and teaching. She launched a £25 million appeal for extensions to the hospital's sites in London and Surrey and set up a self-funding secretarial agency to provide the Marsden and other London hospitals with staff at a lower cost than outside agencies. After receiving the award at Claridge's from Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions. Miss Cunningham said: "Perhaps people have recognised that running an organisation in the public sector is the same as running one in the private sector. I think women

### are very good organisers." **Retrial ordered**

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A RETRIAL was ordered by the Court of Appeal yesterday for a man convicted of armed robbery and burglary after a trial involving evidence from detectives in the disbanded West Midlands serious

piling shallots to push up

English journalists who had travelled with the onions were scrutinised and became the subject of quiet muttering, but no one wished to be interviewed on the matter. One said that he expected no further action.

Peter Davis, managing director of Davex, said yesterday that the shipment represented a coup for Britain. "The militant farmers have dis-banded themselves," he said. attention and diplomatic pressure has forced the

ny was that the farmers had now lost the desire to fight in the face of criticism in the local as well as British press. Le Telegramme, a Breton broadsheet, reported yesterday that the local farming cocrimes squad.
In the latest of a series of operative had been stock-

Dominique Begoc, representing the farmers opposing the imports, was not available

In Plouneour Trez's bars,

The combination of press French authorities to take

Davex has hundreds of thousands of pounds tied up in the onion-growing operation in Turkey and stands to lose up to £2 million if its export plans fail. The com-pany built a cold store in Turkey to protect its crops and, for the past two years, has been doing dummy runs

### in robbery case

said that had jurors in Lewis's trial known this, they might have doubted the reliability of

appeals following allegations of misconduct by members of the squad, Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice and two other appeal judges ruled the convictions of George Glen Lewis, aged 26, of Wolverhampton, were unsatisfactory and ordered a retrial because of doubts over the reliability

of two former squad mem-

bers. Lewis, given a ten-year jail sentence in 1987 at Wolverhampton, will now be tried Lewis, who remains in custody, was refused an appeal in 1988. His case was reopened after the disbanding of the squad and an investigation by West Yorkshire Police.

He was jailed in 1987 for armed attacks on a super-market manager and staff at a local rent office, and burglary at a maisonette. Members of the serious crimes squad who arrested Lewis and conducted the first interviews later figured in police disciplinary proceedings after their conduct in another case that collapsed at trial.

Lord Lane said the officers Det Sgt Peter Reynolds and Det Con John Perkins, were falsified statements. As far as credibility was concerned, it was as if a charge of perjury had been levelled and proved against each of them. He

the prosecution case. Lord Lane said that the length of time that had elapsed since the offences was not a bar to a new trial.

### **Auditor** sacked for not paying poll tax

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR council l'inanœ officer was dismissed yesterday for not registering himself for the community charge. Paul James, an auditor for Labour-controlled Salford city council. Greater Manchester, was accused of 'a serious breach of trust' after it emerged that his name was not on the poll tax

The local government union Nalgo condemned the dismissal as unjustified and said it would ballot the council's 300 treasury employees on possible strike action. Noel Glover, the branch secretary, said he had reported the council to the data protection registrar because of the way computerised poll tax records had been used as evidence in a disciplinary hearing against Mr James.

He said :"We are not supporting non-payment, but the law prescribes what action a local authority can take in pursuit of non-payment. This in no way includes sacking an individual from their em-ploy." Union officials dis-closed later that Mr James had paid his community charge bill in full after he was suspended in January.

John Willis, the city trea-surer, said a routine check had disclosed that Mr James, who lives in Salford, had not registered as a charge-payer in the borough. "I had warned every member of my department in a personal letter in March last year that their conduct in relation to the poll tax must be beyond reproach because of their unique position of trust in administering the tax," he

Mr Willis rejected Nalgo's allegation that he had acted improperly by cross-hecking poli tax records. "We compared manual personnel records with the register in a routine check, just as we did under the rates system," he

### **HARRODS** ANNOUNCES A TWO WEEK PIANO EVENT. NATURALLY THERE'LL BE A GRAND OPENING.

### 'Gay' may not be libellous, jury told

THE judge in the Jason Don-ovan libel case told the jury yesterday that to call a man a homosexual might not be defamatory, but to call him a liar and a hypocrite clearly would be.

Mr Justice Drake said they must decide how ordinary. level-headed readers of the article complained about in The Face magazine would have understood it.

Mr Donovan, aged 23, an Australian pop singer and actor, is suing for libel, alleging that the article implied he was gay and a hypocrite lying about his sexual preference. The Face's publishers,

Nicholas Logan and Wagadon Ltd. and Ben Summerskill, a freelance writer, deny libel and maintain the article was about the "outing" campaign in London to identify publicly homosexuals who kept their homosexuality secret. They agree that Mr Donovan is not homosexual and say the photo and the story were not

targeted at his sexuality. The judge, summing up, said that Mr Donovan's complaint was not that the article was defamatory because it accused him of being a homosexual, but that it suggested he was and denied it therefore making him "two-faced, a

liar, a hypocrite". The defendants' case was that the article was about "outing" which referred to Mr Donovan because he had been picked as the first victim of the UK campaign. They claimed that the photogaph

complained of, which pie tured him wearing a tee shirt with "Queer as P\*\*\* written on it, was clearly fake. The judge said: "If you say someone is a homosexual and do not add that they have done it in circumstances

which are illegal, it may not be defamatory. Whether it would make people think less of them would probably depend on the circumstances. "If the article did call Mr Donovan a liar or a hypocrite, that would clearly be defama-

tory and would be calculated

to lower him in people's eyes." If the jury were to find for Mr Donovan damages should be sufficient to vindicate his character but should also be reasonable. "Don't think you have to fix sums with lots of noughts on the end because it is fashionable." Earlier, Charles Gray. QC for Mr Donovan, told the court that the evidence from The Face as to why it did not contact Mr Donovan before

unsatisfactory". Gay rights activists picketed the court and sang the adapted version of Mr Donovan's hit song Any Dream will do, singing Any Queen will do, which the court had heard was now popular among homosexuals.

publication was "very

The hearing continues

### Wild cat attacks woman

Maze: with Turkish

shallots in right hand.

and French ones in left

By RONALD FAUX

A BLACK panther-like creanire which anacked a woman after crawling through a cat flap at her home in Hayfield, Derbyshire, is being hunted by police.

Kathleen Topliff was bitten on the hand after confronting the animal in the dining room and forcing it upstairs. The incident came after sightings, dating back more than two years, of a black creature, two to three feet long, in the Hayfield area. Mrs Topliff, aged 68, was treated in hospital for shock. She had two stitches in an arm wound and anti-tetanus

Mrs Topliff said: "It was some kind of wild cat and a very big one at that" When she confronted the animal it ran upstairs into a bedroom and hid under a bed. It sprang on to a wardrobe where it crouched, growling and spitting at her as she tried to drive it away with a broom handle.

The animal clawed her arm

before running downstairs and escaping through a window. Mrs Topliff said the creature was very muscular and gave off a purigent smell. Her daughter, Denise White, said she believed that the creature had been in the house twice before looking for food because she had recog-nised the strong smell it left

### Highlanders give TV cool reception

FOR most of Britain, the advent of the television age was marked by the mass purchase of sets to watch the Queen's coronation in 1953. For 80 people living in a remote Highland glen, it began with Paddy Ashdown leaping onto a stage amid a haze of dry ice.

After waiting 40 years for decent relevision reception it was perhaps unfortunate that instead of suffering screen snowstorms the people of Glen Elchaig and Loch Long should be bombarded with the general election. "Never mind." said Willie Nicolson, of Killilan, a hamlet at the top of the glen, "a week from now and it will be all over. Then we can suffer the mis-

eries of the soaps." Residents in the Wester Ross area of the Highlands have had to put up with appalling or non-existent reception for years. Those living beside Loch Long fared better but, if there was not enough wind to drive the windmill providing electricity to a transmitter, or the tide was too high. there was the inevitable

blizzard effect on screens. Money from sources in-cluding the Al-Maktoum local landowners, and the Skye and Lochalsh enterprise company, has paid for a new transmitters up the lochside and into Glen Elchaig which have brought the community four-channel television. Four transmitters were necessary to ensure that each signal was carried in a straight line; "bending" a signal around a mountain caused distortion.

Mr Nicolson said: "Some days the wind would drop and the windmill's blades stopped turning." High A rise in the sea level would distort signals leading to more "snowstorms".

The only way locals could enjoy programmes was to buy a video recorder and ask friends to post them cassettes. Mr Nicolson's children can now join in playground discussions about the latest trauma to have hit Brookside or Neighbours. He said that the novelty would take some time to wear off.
There are a lot of good programmes but a lot of rubbish too. Then there is the election . . . " Angus McHattie, of Skye

and Lochalsh enterprise. said: "Loch Long and Glen Elchaig are set in some of the most moutainous areas of the Highlands. Television reception was abominable. Part of our job is to improve the quality of life for people in our area. Whether Neighbours improves the quality of anyone's life is open to question but at least those in Glen Elchaig will have a chance to decide.

### Once again, Harrods will soon be alive with the sound of music. From April 4th to April 18th as part of our 'Stars of Europe' promotion, we're hosting the annual Harrods Piano Fortnight. Not that you will want to miss the opening day, when there will be an

exhibition of Ibach and Schiedmayer pianos,

which in the past have been played by the likes

of Liszt, Brahms and Bartok. Mr Rudolph Ibach, whose family have been making pianos for nearly 200 years, will also be there to answer any questions you may have about them. Throughout the day, the renowned concert pianist and teacher, André Telderman will be playing these instruments. While throughout the entire fortnight we will be offering generous reductions on the world's finest upright and grand pianos. These include the Young Chang EIOI, down from £1,825 to £1,495 and the Bluther 5'5" Grand, down from £16,850 to £14,995. So be sure to visit Harrods during Piano Fortnight. When, of course, every day there

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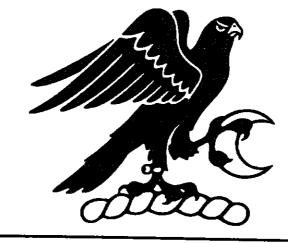
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### Enquiry continues 80-year-old dispute by finding that quick action by cargo ship would not have saved lives

### Captain blamed for ignoring distress flares from Titanic

THE master of a British cargo vessel failed to go to the rescue of the Titanic when the liner fired distress rockets after hitting an iceberg on April 14, 1912, a report for the transport department has found.

But even if Stanley Lord, master of the SS Californian and long regarded as the villain of the piece for failing to assist the Titanic, had got under way immediately, he would not have been able to save any of the 1,490 lives lost, the department's marine accident investigation branch says. The Californian would have arrived well after the liner had sunk, in 12,500ft of water on the fourth night of her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York, because the two ships were probably be-tween 17 and 20 miles

The report, by Peter Mar-riott, chief inspector of marine accidents, exonerates Lord on only two counts: that the ships were further apart than believed at the time and that, given the distance, it was unlikely that, even with abnormal refraction permitting sight beyond the visible horizon, the Californian could have seen the

The nine-month re-examination of Lord's conduct undermines a 30-year campaign by his son and others to clear him of blame. However, the report says that opinions will remain divided and adds: "Neither party will be entirely satisfied with this report." Others would speculate further, but it was to be hoped they would do so with regard to the "simple fact that there are no villians in this story -just human beings with hu-

man characteristics". Captain Marriott's con-clusions clash with those of the inspector he originally appointed to consider the saster. Captain Marriott said that, because of his disagreement with the findings of Thomas Barnett, a retired marine surveyor, he had

A fresh enquiry leaves opinion split on whether Stanley Lord was the villain he was painted, writes Michael Horsnell

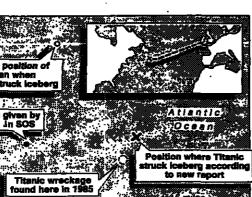
amination by his deputy. James de Coverley, on which the final report was based.

The two studies contradict each other on the distance between the Californian and the Titanic at the time when the iceberg was hit. While Captain Barnett concluded that the Californian had been only five to seven miles off, Captain de Coverley estimated the most likely distance at 18 miles. Captain Marriott said that he endorsed his deputy's finding. None of the principals involved in producing the re-port was available for comment yesterday.

The re-examination of the files was ordered two years ago by Cecil Parkinson, then transport secretary, after parliament had twice rejected petitions which followed the discovery of the wreck of the Titanic, 13 miles from the position accepted by the original enquiry in 1912. That enquiry, chaired by Lord Mersey, had said that the Californian was only eight to ten miles away and "might have saved many, if not all, of the lives that were lost" if it had responded to the first distress rocket.

Captain Barnett, former principal nautical surveyor at the transport department, sifted a web of grid references, including a fix plotted by satellite when the Titanic's wreck was found by Robert Ballard, of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Massachusetts.

The report confirms Lord's belief that the Califorand 20 miles from the Titanic, but says that "distress signals were seen and proper action was not tak-



en". Instead, in response to sadio distress signals, the Cunard liner Carpathia, 59 miles from the Titanic, raced through ice and darkness to pick up survivors more than four hours after the collision.

The wireless operator of the Californian, which had stopped in ice, had gone off duty shortly before the first distress rocket was fired. When the Californian saw the distress rockets, it simply tried to make contact by morse lamp but failed to get a response and took no further action.

It was twenty minutes be fore midnight on April 14. 1912, that ice holed the Titanic despite the ship's attempt to avert collision. Lord said that his ship, bound for Boston from London with 47 passengers, had been 19 miles away and no one could possibly have seen the Titanic or her

Lord's defenders claim that the 1912 enquiry was looking for a scapegoat for the Titanic's scandalous lack of lifeboats and sacrificed the skipper to public opinion, rather than expose the Board of Trade or the Titanic's owner, White Star.

Leslie Harrison, former general secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, said that the latest report was ambiguous, al-though it cleared Lord of the main charge of blame. Mr Harrison has fought the case since Lord walked into the association's offices in Liverpool in 1958 and announced: "I'm Lord of the Californian. I have come to clear my name."

In 1962, Mr Harrison revealed unpublished memoirs by Henrik Naess, chief officer of a ship that may have been seen from the decks of the Titanic as distress rockets were fired. This produced evidence that it had not been the Californian but an unlicensed Norwegian seal hunter, the Samson, which thought it was under observation for illicit fishing and steamed away.

"Lord was a marvellous man, studiedly courteous and a brilliant seaman." Mr Harrison said. "Never did I hear him utter a word of malice about the people who put him in this appalling predicament."

Books and films have fuelled unfounded intimations that Lord had been drinking at the time of the tragedy and ended up an alcoholic. In fact, he went back to sea. as a master with another shipping line, served in the first world war, and retired in 1927. He died in 1962,





Aftermath of disaster: billboards on the streets in 1912, top left, and an artist's impression of the sinking off Newfoundland. Stanley Lord, top right, skipper of the cargo ship SS Californian, was blamed by an enquiry and by the press, right, for allegedly failing to respond to the liner's distress signals. Yesterday's report says that, even if he had gone to the scene immediately, he could not have saved the 1,490





### THE PREMIER PICTURE PAPER. PROGRAM IS & SAMPAPORT ONE HALFPENNY. THE BOAT THAT MIGHT HAVE SAVED ALL ON THE TITANIC.

### An end to the innuendo satisfies son

STANLEY Lord, son of the Californian's captain, said\_yesterday that he was disappointed that his father had been only partly exonerated; but pleased that the report cleared him of blame for the loss of life.

Mr Lord, aged 83, who still lives in his parents' home on Merseyside, added: "The innuendo was that he could have saved hundreds of lives, but slept while the Titanic sank. How frightful that must have been for a man who ran his ship like clockwork, the most thorough and meticulous of persons, and a teetotaller to boot. For threequarters of a century, father has been portrayed as a liar and a drunkard, the baddie in a great drama."

Mr Lord said that his father had never brooded over the accusation or talked about it with his family. "It was a thing of the past, finished with until that book came out in the mid-1950s, A Night to Remember. The

Sun cartoon in the Duke of

Edinburgh's collection showing a train of porters unload

ing a royal aircraft of such spoils while a puzzled police-man asks: "But where in the bloody attic?"

Then, of course, there are the crown jewels, the corona-

tion robes (unseen since

1953) and other grand ac-

coutrements, some in replica

but mostly 'original. The room devoted to the Queen's

wardrobe is particularly vivid, demonstrating how such favoured designers as Nor-

man Hartnell and Ian Thom-

as have managed to keep the

royal appearance at once timely and timeless, al-though Hardy Amies does allow in a hint of the Swing-

ing Sixties with a belt for the

apricot dress and jacket he

designed for the 1970 tour of

What emerges finally is what is no doubt intended to

emerge: an image of the Queen as a dedicated worker

who more than earns her

without doubt, she does.

sion £6, Concessions £4.90.

Canada and Australia.

rubbish in that annoyed him and he set out to clear his name."
He added: "I know the report says

he should have answered the distress signal, and he would have helped the Titanic passengers had he been close enough, but the Californian would never have got there in time. ☐ Eva Hart, a survivor of the disaster, now aged 87, has refused to blame Lord for the loss of life. She said yesterday that she cannot be sure whether it was his ship she saw standing off, with lights blazing, well inside the horizon.

At her home in Chadwell Heath, Essex, she said: "I don't know that the ship I saw was the Californian. But I cried because it didn't come towards us. Whatever ship it was, it saw those distress signals, there's no question about it. It certainly wasn't 20 miles away. Whoever it was that didn't take action, I feel bitter towards because I lost my father.

Benjamin Hart, aged 49, a master builder, was on his way to Winnipeg with his wife Esther, aged 50, and Eva, aged seven, to start a new business. Miss Hart remembers that he handed her to her mother in the lifeboat and spoke his last words to her: "Be a good girl and hold mum-my's hand."

Miss Hart, who had been awoken in her cabin by her mother and carried on deck by her father, wrapped in a blanket, said: "1 remember that my father stood back on the deck after he put me on the boat. I thought he was going to join us. I just cried when he did not. That is as vivid in my mind today as it was then when I was a girl of seven.

"What happened was 100 dreadful for words and it has been too dreadful all my life. But I have been a magistrate too long to go by innuendo. I have to opt for the truth and so I cannot blame Capt Lord."



Survivor: Eva Hart holding a Mayday message from the Titanic

### **BBC** to pay damages to Whitehouse

The BBC is to pay substantial undisclosed libel damages to Mary Whitehouse over remarks suggesting that she was a wicked woman who deliberately set out to whip up hatred against people.

Mr Justice Drake was told in the High Court yesterday that the remarks about Mrs Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, had been broadcast during a live dis-cussion on Radio Four's Saturday morning satire programme Loose Ends. The BBC, which will also

pay legal costs, apologised to Mrs Whitehouse in court. It has already broadcast an apology.

### Doctor accused

Dr Thomas Courtney, a gynaecologist who set up a foundation to help rape vic-tims, was charged yesterday with sex offences against three women. Dr Courtney, aged 45, of north London, is already accused of rape and two indecent assaults.

### Libel award

The former Welsh international rugby star Terry Holmes, aged 30, was awarded substantial libel damages in the High Court at Cardiff against Mirror Group Newspapers after a report linked him with a murdered shipping derk.

### Fitting return

Otters have been seen on the banks of the river Otter in Devon for the first time in 20

### Art and the artist flourish in a royal celebration

THE royal family, although it has included two or three outstanding art collectors in the past, cannot be said to have maintained its reputation for connoisseurship since the days of Prince Albert. A book about the Queen and the arts a few years ago fell back increasingly on de-scriptions of the doings of "the Queen's Royal Academy" as though this institution were her personal responsibility.

In the circumstances, one would hardly expect Sover-eign, the major summer show at the Victoria and Albert Museum celebrating the Queen's 40 years on the throne, to be strong in aesthetic terms. Yet the sections given over to "pure" art are undeniably impressive: a handful of major Leonardo drawings, for instance, would be a jewel in any

Although the Queen herself did not acquire them, it is clear that in her care the royal collection is not only being conserved with scholarly concern, but also occasionally being extended.

The new acquisitions for the history collection are mostly of royal historical in-terest, but none the worse for that. It is fascinating to ob-serve how recent studies, aided by x-ray photography, have established that under a portrait of Johann Christian Fischer by Gainsborough still survives the

portrait of Shakespeare. Perhaps the 11 contemporary paintings famously

John Russell Taylor finds much to enjoy at the V&A's show

marking 40 years of the Queen's reign

rooms at Windsor could have chosen but they do include a colourful picture by Alan Davie, Throne of the Eye Goddess, which is possibly the first abstraction to enter royal ownership. Near by, the Duke of Edinburgh is revealed in an unaccustomed light as the owner of a fine Lowry and an excellent 1957 Sutherland, The Armillary Elsewhere in the show, art

does surface, even where it is not the main interest. There is the first Annigoni portrait. still probably the most dis-tinguished of the reign. There is artwork for postage stamps, reminding us that during the Queen's reign de-sign has been more varied and enterprising than ever in the history of British post.

There are examples of the royal table plate, the real stuff, scarred by knife and fork and laid out in a brilliant illusionist evocation of a state banquet. There are convincing reconstructions of private rooms at Sandringham, Balmoral and Windsor (right down to a "breathing" stuffed Corgi), and these are scattered with pictures and shadowy form of his long-lost

There is a slightly daunting selection of gifts from gratebought in 1960 to decorate a ful subjects throughout the Commonwealth, which gives newly revamped suite of

### Gun raids double in two years

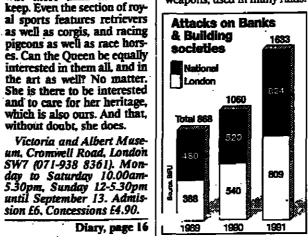
By DAVID YOUNG

THE banking and insurance trade union called for a ban on replica guns yesterday after armed robberies almost doubled in two years.

The number of armed rob beries rose to 1,633 last year, compared with 868 in 1989. according to the Banking. Insurance and Finance Union. Most vulnerable to attack were building society branches without bandit screens, the union said.

A survey it commissioned found that one in five staff was still under stress eight weeks after a raid, that staff needed to feel supported after a raid, that customers also needed support, and that counselling for victims should be freely offered.

The union's security spokesman, Ray Shuttleworth, also called for a ban on the carrying of imitation weapons, used in many raids.



### for Smithfield market A PROPOSED £50 million

By Douglas Broom, local government correspondent

modernisation of Smithfield meat market, involving the removal of much of the interi-or of the Victorian listed buildings, was approved yes-terday by the Corporation of

Council authorised the start of work on the £25 million first phase, including a new mezzanine floor in the underground car park and strengthening the main trading floors.

The City Corporation has been forced to overhaul the building under European Community food hygiene laws governing the transport, storage and sale of meat in refrigerated conditions. Proposals to move the meat

market to Nine Elms in Vauxhall on the same site as the new Covent Garden fruit and vegetable market were rejected as the site was considered too small. The corporation would also not have had enough time to seek the necessary parliamentary bill to authorise the move before the introduction of the new hygiene rules next year.

The City will now seek a special dispensation from the EC to allow Smithfield to continue trading using traditional barrows and stalls for three years after the new hygiene rules come into force in April next year.

The refurbishment of the market is due to be completed by 1996. By then meat will be delivered through "docking" doors, enabling it to be taken

### City approves £50m facelift from lorry to store without crease planned by the City. A

contact with outside air. Inside the market, large refrigerators with clear fronts will replace stalls and only staff in protective clothing will be allowed to handle meat. Wooden barrows will be re-The Court of Common placed by electric fork-lift trucks.

> Although traders supported the retention of the market on its present site their association, representing the 69 firms that trade there, is fighting a 42 per cent rent in-

spokesman for the corporation said that traders moving into the completed first phase in 1994 would pay rents that would rise from £12 a square foot to £20 to reflect "the much superior accommodation that will be on offer. Traders would also pain

more space by the removal of a large number of slender cast iron pillars supporting the roof and rearrangement of offices in the restored

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Liberal Democrats pledge change

### **Break free from 40** years of failure, urges Ashdown

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

PADDY Ashdown urged voters last night not to content themselves with changing the government on April 9 but to break free from "40 years of failure" by changing the whole system of government.
The Liberal Democrat

leader told an Eastbourne rally that Britain's system of government was now so out of date, centralised, inefficient and secretive that it no longer served the citizen. He said: "Next Thursday you could elect the best politicians in the world. You could elect 650 saints. But it wouldn't make any difference if our system of government no longer

Mr Ashdown said that Labour's slogan of "Time for a change" did not offer real change. "It's a return to the old system of Buggin's turn — the old regime in which, if it isn't Tory, it must be Labour, the old regime where every government since the war has

NEIL Kinnock and John

Smith made a concerted at-

tempt to reassure the City

yesterday with pledges that a

Labour government would neither devalue the pound nor shrink from raising inter-

The Labour leader and his

shadow Chancellor made

plain in interviews and at a

London press conference that

a Labour government would

maintain the value of the

currency. Mr Smith said:

about that. We will take what-

ever action would be neces-

sary." Mr Kinnock added:

Devaluation is an entirely

The Labour leader spoke

after billions of pounds were

wiped off shares on Wednesday when opinion polls pointed to a majority Labour government. On BBC Radio

4's Today programme, Mr Kinnock said: "I would hope

the City will be more clinical.
Under Labour governments
the City does very well and so
does profitability in industry

as well. Profits in the City and

industry have fallen back

under the Conservative gov-ernment and there has been

get strong recovery policies for employment and for the

City. So I hope they will work on that basis and not on the

basis of sentiment or, dare I

say it, superstition." He said

that few analysts thought there would be a run on the

pound. "Our commitment to the ERM and the pound is

very strong. That will be sus-

tained." He went on: "That message has got through as

you have seen during the

campaign. There has been little fluctuation in the pound

"From Labour they would

shrinkage in the economy.

Labour

est rates.

false refuge."

been supported by only a minority of the votes, the old regime that, under both of these parties, has produced 40 years of failure.

He castigated the covert nature of British government, saying that Britain had more secrets than any other country in Europe. "Do you think the government keep their secrets for our benefit or for their own? Do they keep the secrets to improve their performance in the future or to cover up their mistakes in the past?" he asked. Promising a freedom of information act, Mr Ashdown said secrecy encouraged inefficiency and brought waste in confidence and the covering up of gov-

ernment mistakes. Saying that "the power of the centre has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished", Mr Ashdown pledged Liberal Democrat support for Welsh and Scot-tish parliaments and prom-

against the German mark."

He insisted that Labour's

programme for industrial re-

covery, increased benefits,

pensions and child allow-ances the health service and

education "have all been

Mr Kinnock said that inde-

costed and are affordable".

pendent analysts had demon-

strated that Labour's prog-

ramme would produce a

strong performance for

growth, certainly by compari-

son with the Conservatives. "I

can get a good rate of growth, but that we can sustain that

rate of growth without nudg-

ing into unsustainable infla-

tion. We will be coming into

the European mainstream where we should have been

for some years past and where we need to be if we are to be a

He underlined that the

ERM was a safeguard

against interest rates having

to go up. The ability to bring them down was dependent on the performance of the econo-

my. The difference between

Labour and the Tories was

that Labour would invest to improve performance, to im-prove productivity, to im-

prove profitability, to improve

employment and skills."

competitivé economy."

Labour's economy pledge

Kinnock tries to

calm City fears

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

**CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT** 

ised to breathe new life into local government. It would mean that decisions would be taken by people who were affected, "not by Whitehall civil servants who think they know best, not by jumped up ministers who push people around", he said.

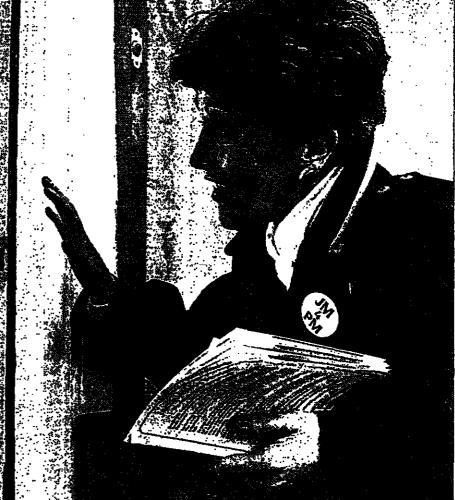
Urging the need for pro-portional representation, Mr Ashdown said that at the last election 60 per cent of people voted against the poll tax and only 40 per cent for it. "But was determined to get it and she could not be stopped. She imposed it on her cabinet. Her cabinet imposed it on the Tory party. The Tory party imposed it on our Parliament and then our Parliament imposed it on the people." Britain, he said, had a discredited system of govern-ment which now debased the very idea of democracy.

Mr Ashdown, replying to John Major's accusation that he would be the doorman to a Labour Britain, pointed out that Norman Tebbit had said it would be better for Labour to be elected than for Britain to have a coalition government, and said that made Mr Tebbit the doorman to a Labour Britain. He concluded: The Tories would prefer Labour to real change and Labour would prefer the To-

ries. It is only the Liberal Democrats who offer real change. But with people on our side we can beat them both and beat their unholy grip on power.' ☐ Labour yesterday unveiled its plans for constitutional reform, billed as the most comprehensive this century, but gave few clear indications on

the timing of the proposed

changes (Arthur Leathley The reforms include replacing the House of Lords with a second elected chamber and creating a Scottish parliablies for Wales and English regions. The introduction of a freedom of information act and a commitment to examine the electoral system were also listed as priority issues



Doorstep chat: Jacqueline Foster, Conservative candidate for Newham South, canvassing in the east London constituency

### Parties woo women in a bid for the marginals

WITH less than a week's campaigning left, the party tacticians are frantically tar-geting the "women's vote". Women make up 52 per cent of the electorate and, more to the point, 56 per cent of the still substantial poll of "don't knows". In such a close election the party that wins their hearts and minds might win the key to No 10.

But is there a "women's vote" as distinct from women voters? Until 1979 the Conservatives always fared better among women than men by an uncannily consistent seven points - whatever the outcome of the election. Sociologists put it down to the larger proportion of the elderly and the religious among women and the smaller proportion of manual employees and trade unionists. The left commented wryly that without the triumph of the suffragettes Labour would have

won every postwar election. But when Margaret Thatcher came to power in 1979 the gender gap narrowed to three points and in 1983 and 1987 it disappeared. That was not because wives were voting with their husbands — Professor Moni-

The party leaders are pursuing women's votes, as each insists that he's the man for them. Ivor Crewe writes

ca Charlot's study found that one third of all couples voted for different parties — but because, it was thought, women were becoming more independent. Sociologists emphasised the growing number of women entering the labour force, the trade unions and higher education, as well as the sharp increase in the number of single mothers dependent on welfare

According to the two most recent Mori/Times polls the gender gap has widened again, to between four and five points. This is not because women's political concerns appear to be noticeably different from men. When Mori asked respondents to name the two or three most important issues influencing their vote only education out of 25 issues - was mentioned by significantly more women than men (41-30 per cent) and only unemployment and the economy were men-

The common assumption that women are more concerned about health care, prices or the environment than defence or foreign policy is untrue. And according to a recent Times/FDS poll only 11 per cent of women think any of the parties have policies that are specifically good for women. The idea of special "women's issues" is a

Personalities, not policies, probably explain both the closing of the gender gap in the 1980s and its recent widening. In 1983 and 1987 more men than women preferred Mrs Thatcher as prime minister. Among the under-25s the gender gap went into sharp reverse: men were six points more Conservative

But the latest Mori/Times poll reports that John Major is much more popular among women than men. Here the gender gap is considerably wider than it is for the vote

itself. Mr Major leads Neil Major's hands, men said no by a huge margin of 60-34 per cent, women by a much Kinnock as preferred prime minister by 43-25 per cent among women but he's level smaller margin of 47-41 per pegging at 33 per cent

Perhaps there is a women's The proportion of women vote even if there are no womand men citing health as a key issue is virtually identical. en's issues. Perhaps women give more weight to party leaders and less to party poli-But Labour's margin over the Conservatives on the issue is cies. If so, Conservative stratemuch narrower among gists should think twice before changing Mr Major's image as a decent and trustwomen (43-28 per cent) than among men (56-23 per cent) worthy Mr Nice.

Ivor Crewe is professor of and this appears to be connected with women's trust in Mr Major. Asked whether the

government at the University

### (IT COULD LEAD TO EVEN MORE CHANGES IN THE HOUSE

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health service is safe in Mr

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### Claim of growing consumer confidence

### Prime minister sees 'golden prospects'

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

for the party.

JOHN Major talked yester-day of the "golden prospects" facing Britain in the 1990s so long as the Thatcher legacy was not replaced by high tax, high cost policies which would kill the economy. The only thing that was needed to get the recovery

going, he argued, was a clear,

concise election result next Thursday with a Conservative

victory. Touring the stands at London's Ideal Home exhibi-

tion, he said for the first time

that he believed that the re-covery had started, adding

that it could, however, be

some time before that was

Mr Kinnock dismissed criticisms that he was inexperi-enced and had never been a minister. He said: "People who fairly make an assessment of the last eight-and-a-half years in British politics and the contribution I have made in bringing the party back from the lip of oblivion to forming a government next week will see that these assessments are less than fair and somewhat partisan."

Anatole Kaletsky, page 23 apparent to everyone.

On his visit, and later on BBC Radio 2's Jimmy Young show, Mr Major sought to inject a touch of optimism into his campaign with rosy predictions of the future under a fourth-term Conservative government. He also stood by his decision to delay the general election until

April As the Majors pondered the double glazing, self-build homes and home alarm sys-tems, the prime minister remarked that the crowds at the show confirmed his view of growing consumer confidence. "People have been buying things and spending money. That is entirely consistent with what we said was going to happen and it is



already beginning to happen, which is very encouraging." He added: "I think there is

and from surveys, that the recovery has started. It will be some time before it is apparent to everyone that it is

Later, in the radio interview, he said: "I believe the prospects for this country in the 1990s are golden pros-pects provided we do not throw away what has been produced with the wrong sort of policies, such as high taxation, extra costs on employers and killing the economy."
In spite of his remarks about the crowds, a spokesman for the Ideal Home exhibition disclosed that the attendance so far this year was 100,000 down on five years ago.

> Poor John Major ... he will always look grey like his Spitting Image puppet

- Peter Howarth. style editor of GQ Why look in the crystal ball when you can read the

book? ? - Neil Kinnock after gypsy fortune teller forecasts Tory victory

I don't favour PR, I wouldn't introduce PR, and there are no circumstances in which I will introduce PR 9

It's nice to be in Devon again ? Paddy Ashdown. arriving in Saltash

— John Major

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### That nasty Mr Major savages the Belgians

Your sketchwriter was the warm-up act before Jimmy Young interviewed the prime minister yesterday. Mr Young asked me my opin-ion of Norma. Then he glanced over his shoulder. I became aware that we

were being watched. Major had arrived early. He and his party were watching us from the control room, through the glass screen. I tried not to catch his eye. What do you say about a chap's wife when only an inch of glass stands

It is not difficult to be nice about Norma Major. After that Mr Young played a record. I cracked open a bottle of Malvern water beside me, and gulped it down.
"You've just drunk the prime
minister's water." announced the loudspeaker. I left some for him. My contribution finished, I yielded my chair to the Main Event, and watched through the glass. Jimmy Young, star of BBC Radio 2 and one-time crooner of The Man From LaraMATTHEW PARRIS

mie, sat smiling across the microphones at the occupant of 10 Downing Street and one-time bookie's runner for the man upstairs in Brixton. On the turntable a recording of the theme from Brideshead Revisited revolved at a gentle 33 's rpm. Mr Major, a slightly nervous Aloysius the teddy bear, stroked his chin.

Mr Major's arrival had been heralded by a brace of sniffer-dogs. When dynamite is forgotten and the original purpose of these dogs lost in the mists of time, genera-tions as yet unborn will re-vere the sniffer-dog entrance, as the traditional way for a British premier to arrive. For politicians, the Jimmy

Young interview has long

been the sugar-coated option

with the occasional unex-

pectedly hard centre. Neil Kinnock did well on the programme more than a week ago, responding quite crisply to Young's covertly impertinent style of gentle questioning. Paddy Ashdown is to be his guest on Monday.

How would Major do?

"Broadly flat" was his own

description, to Jimmy, of the British economy's performance last year. Perhaps "steady and reas-suring" would be a fairer summary of Major's own performance in interview, which never changes, is never likely to, and will do perfectly well, in anything but desperate circumstances,

which these are not, are they?
"Are they," asked Young?

Not at all, said Major: he'd

from ordinary people: people he said, like those he'd just met at the Ideal Home exhibition. I tried to visualise the ordinary people you meet at the Ideal Home exhibition. I'm afraid this corresponds to my late Nana's idea of ordinary people, who were nice and to be distinguished from common people, who were not.
Yet the interview had moments of drama, such as when Mr Major lashed out at

been heartened by support

Belgium. The attack was as savage as it was unexpected. Jimmy Young had made a mild enquiry about propor-tional representation. "Like Belgium", snarled Mr Ma-jor, and something snapped. "It took Belgium 100 days just to form a government. Now that may be acceptable to Belgians, but not to us!" They must be reeling from

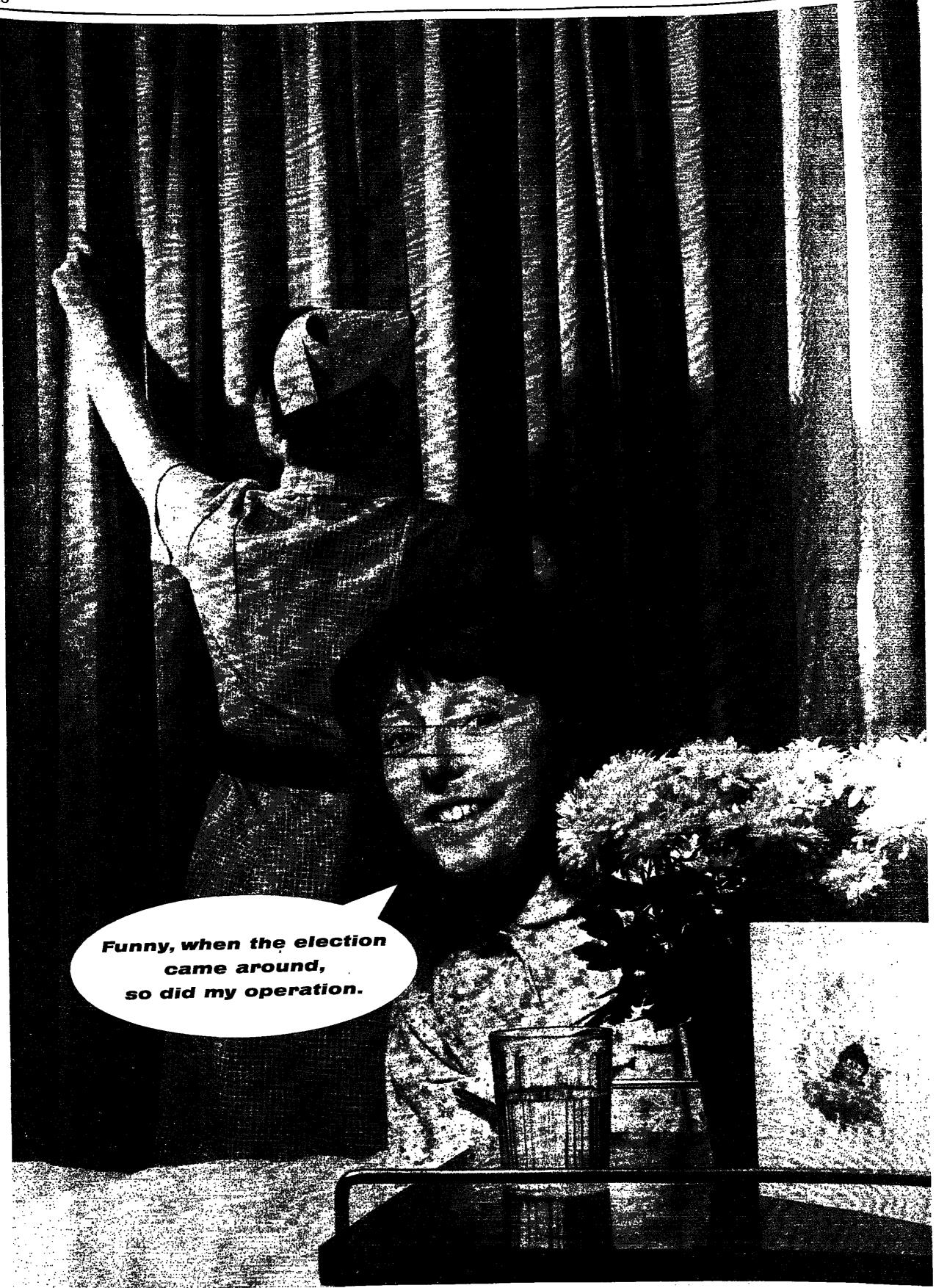
Liege to Ostend.

Mr Young played another record. Mr Major's hand returned to his chin, and he sat, smiling thinly, tense,

self-possessed, his little finger resting across the corner of his mouth. The record finished. Mr Young asked about poll tax, and called it "daft". Mr Major's little finger took on a life of its own, flapping distract-edly against his jaw.

To calm the prime minister down, Young called Margaret Thatcher a poi-soned chalice, whereupon Major called her a tremendous platform. From his vantage point on the tremendous platform, Mr Major then peered into the future and pronounced it "golden". He glanced suspiciously at the water I had left. Whether he has been as careful with the poisoned chalice, and — if not — whether any drink it, and live, we shall know in a week's time.
"Our education reforms,"

John told Jimmy, "will show results over time." "You've got a week," said Jimmy. "A week and five



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Polls show decisive change

### Professions start to swing leftwards

WHILE politicians and the support, with 29.8 per cent; pundits have assumed that the gift of government lies with the C2s; those in the professional classes could play a decisive role in the outcome as polls disclose their changing allegiances.

A series of surveys show that most professionals have made up their minds, there apparently being little kudos in being a'"don't know". No consistent pattern has emerged, but the drift from the Conservatives is clear.

Accountants are fighting 47 seats, in 14 of which they are seeking re-election. They split 49 per cent for the Tories, 38 per cent for Lib Dems and 13 per cent for Labour. AccountancyAge remarked that it is no surprise that support for the third force in British politics is so high.

Four out of ten computer professionals plan to support the Conservatives and 28 per cent Lib Dem. But the figures compiled from 1,000 readers of Computer Weekly show Tory support has dwindled by 7 per cent since the last election and the Lib Dems are up 25 per cent. One disillusioned information technology manager said he supported the Raving Loony party: "At least it is clear and honest about its

At the top, support for the poll of 200 directors in the industry, done for Hewlett-Packard, found nearly twothirds supported them, one in four the Lib Dems and only one in seven Labour.

Several polls show family doctors giving up their traditional support for the Tories in apparent protest at NHS reform. A survey of 3,000 doctors for Hospital Doctor found that support for the Tories had fallen from 51 per cent before the last election to 28 per cent now. Labour increased its share from 20 to 37 per cent, with the Lib Dems at 33 per cent.

Another poll, of 400 family doctors for Pulse, found that Conservatives had the most

that was in contrast with 45.3 per cent last time. The Lib Dems were up to 24.8 per cent compared to 21.8 in 1987. More than half said a change of government would help the NHS and only 27 per cent favoured Tory policy on the GP contract; 42 per cent favoured Labour.

Doctors seem to be socialists in the surgery and Tories at home, with more than half favouring Tory tax policy compared with 16 per cent for Labour's and 14 per cent for the Lib Dems'.

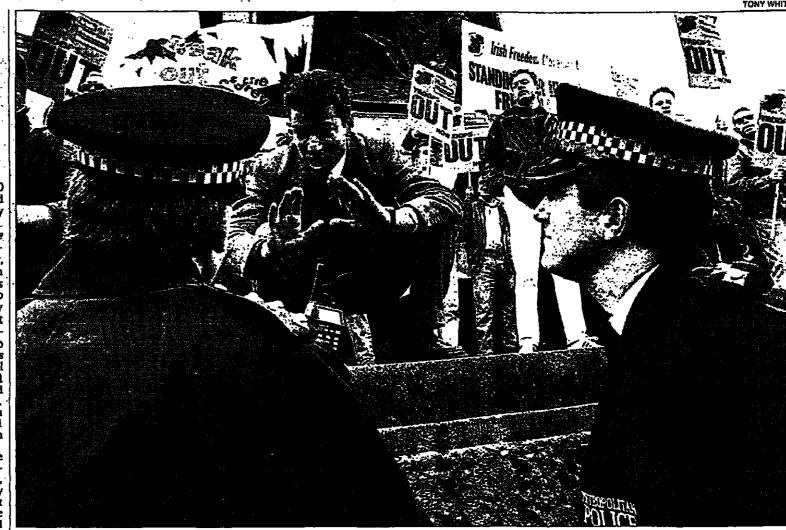
The same could be suspect-

ed of academics. Labour is set to capture 57 per cent of the vote in further and higher education, the highest since records of their voting intentions began. According to a poll of 518 academics for The Times Higher Education Supplement, 21 per cent fa-vour the Lib Dems and 17 per cent the Conservatives. In 1987, Labour gained 33 per cent of the lecturers' votes.

Among higher grade staff 70 per cent of professors and principal lecturers said they would vote Labour this time A survey of teachers for The Times Educational Supple-

ment found their loyalty. which in 1987 switched from the Tories to the Alliance, has shifted again, this time to Labour, which attracted only 28 per cent of the vote last time. The party now commands 51 per cent, the Lib Dems 24 and Conservatives 20. Among primary school teachers, 44 per cent said they would vote Labour as did 49 per cent of head teachers. despite grave warnings from central office that they would be worse off under John

Smith's tax plans. As for the bookies, they are confident that, with £6 million pledged by the punters, there is, as usual, no way they can lose. "On the basis that we will scoop the pools, we will all be voting for Lord Sutch," Graham Sharpe, of William Hill, said.



Irish protest: Alex Farrell, Irish Freedom Movement candidate for City of London and Westminster South, remonstrating with police during a rally in Trafalgar Square yesterday. The seat was held in 1987 by Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary

### Law and order

### Baker pledges tougher action

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWS aimed at upholding law and order were promised by the Conservatives yesterday as they accused Labour of being soft on crime and sympathising as much with culprits as with victims.

"Our particular concern is always for the victims of crime. That is not invariably the case with Labour," John Major said. Kenneth Baker, home sec-

retary, said that he would bring forward legislation, either separately or in a new criminal justice bill, to deal with the problem of young men who reoffend while on bail, squatting and unwanted

home secretary defended the government's record on crime, saying that the average 6 per cent rise in recorded crime since 1979 was in line with the trend under governments of both parties since 1945. Most of the increase in recent years was due to a surge in property crime, particularly car crime. In the past year, sexual crimes had not increased and offences involving violence had lev-elled off. "That is a direct

result of our tougher sentencing policy," Mr Baker said. However, the prime minister and the home secretary concentrated on attacking Labour over its attitude towards law enforcement. Mr Major said that the Opposihad repeatedly voted against longer sentences for hardened criminals and against the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Mr Baker said that a Labour government would scrap the automatic life sentence for murder, the Prevention of Terrorism Act and the tougher sentencing brought in since 1979.

They denied that poverty played a part in the causes of crime. Mr Baker said that amid the affluence of the mid-Eighties, Labour had blamed rising crime on the greedy society. Now it was arguing the opposite. Mr Major emphasised the importance Tories attached to parents, teachers and neighbours instilling "intrinsic values" in the young and not condoning minor delinquency.

### Voters start to lose interest in crime

LAW and order has traditionally been one of the strongest weapons in the Conservatives' election armoury yet, in spite of a rise in recorded crime, it remains low among voters' priorities. In a list of issues that

would be most important in persuading people how to vote, Mori found that law and order came seventh with only 6 per cent, compared with 19 per cent in 1987. Criminologists and politi-

cians suggest a variety of rea-sons for the apparent lack of interest in law and order at a time when recorded crime last year rose to 5.3 million offences. Opposition politicians suggest that the figures indicate that law and order no longer works to the Tory advantage and that it is not in their interest to highlight it too strongly. But criminol-ogists argue that some research indicates that people

Law and order is not the important election issue that it used to be. Richard Ford examines why

are not the victims of crime as much as is indicated by recorded crime figures. The last British Crime Survey in 1988, which reflects the results of interviews with a cross-section of the public.

indicated that police figures overstated crime. Trevor Bennett, lecturer in police and crime prevention studies at Cambridge University, said: "The public are much more concerned about nui-sances and incivility, youths hanging around streets, than

He added: "I sense also some confusion, with people asking what can anyone do to reduce crime. It's an area both parties would like to steer clear of at the

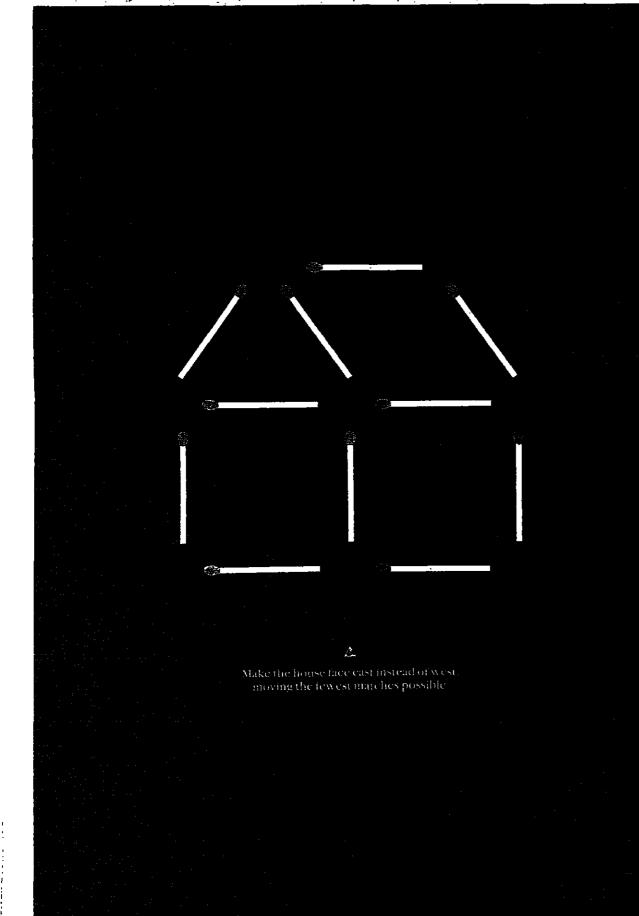
Although the Tories have increased spending on the police in real terms by 70 per cent since 1979, the figure that makes the headline is not the increase in police resources or numbers but the rise in recorded crime.

With all parties living in fear of being thought to be soft on crime, the Tories find themselves in a difficulty of their own making. The short, sharp, shock treatment of the early Eighties has been abandoned in favour of giving non-violent offenders non-

custodial sentences. The Tory manifesto outlines a strategy based on tackling the roots of crime and getting greater efficiency from the police service. It involves an attempt to address in society the reasons

why people turn to crime. Much of this strategy is similar to the approach out-lined by Labour, whose pack-age links law enforcement and punishment with crime prevention and policies de-signed to improve the social nate that it associates with criminal activity.
The Liberal Democrats

lean more to Labour's law and order proposals, including greater police accountability and efforts to improve recruitment from the ethnic minority communities. They would give local councils powers to develop full crime prevention programmes, would expand Neighbourhood Watch schemes and redeploy police resources to put more officers on the beat.



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by Peter Barnard

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Rigid political system hampers economic recovery

### Time to change constitution

BRITAIN can no longer tolerate its present political system. Even the upheavals in the communist camp have made it clear that an indissoluble link exists between economic modernisation and political reform.

A rigid political system hampers economic recovery. Tharcherism's attempt to modernise was bound to founder because it denied the necessity of political reform and held on firmly to the old system. More than ever. Britain is a centrally run unitary state, whose head of government enjoys a power that is unusual for a democracy, if not unique.

The prime minister can behave almost like an all-powerful monarch. The controlling function of parliament is less developed than in most west-ern democracies. The MFs of the majority party have been degraded to nothing more than lobby fodder. The government scarcely needs to pay any attention to the upper house and, in any case, it is not legitimised by elections.

The head of the government also has no need to trouble himself with influential "provincial princelings". for there are no federal struc-

Juergen Kroenig of Die Zeit offers a critical view in our series on how foreign correspondents see the election

tures. The Bank of England (contrary to the Bundesbank) is subject to instruction: if a government thinks it necessary, it can instigate an economic boom before the election. The prime minister can decide the date of the election within the limit of five years.

The judiciary exists not so much as a control on the executive, but in a symbiotic relationship with it. The Lord Chancellor and Attorney-General sit in the cabinet. Members of cabinet do not need to be confirmed by par-Jiament A British premier can, on his own initiative, declare war, nominate leaders of the church and reward those in favour with a seat in the upper house.

The sovereignty of parliament has long since been transformed into the sovereignty of the government. As long ago as 1967. Quintin Hogg, later Lord Hallsham of Ši Marylebone and Lord Chancelior, called the British system of government an elective dictatorship. He repeated

his warning shortly before leaving the Thatcher cabinet. The country, meanwhile, has paid a high price so that 'parliamentary sovereignty" should exist only in political textbooks. The highest judges have fallen for a series of crass misjudgments, often a result of the close link with the

executive. An obsession with secrecy has made Britain a laughing stock (as, for example, in the affair of the memoirs of a former spy) and led many Britons to realise that, instead of a secrecy law, they needed a law on freedom of information. The secret services carry on as ever without any parlia-

mentary control.

Scotland, Wales and
Northern Ireland are ruled almost as colonies. That has tangibly increased the pressure for autonomy. The rule of the majority deprives sec-tions of voters of political power, which necessarily belongs in the spectrum of a pluralist society. The Liberal Democrats, Charter 88 and

thoughtful politicians of the Labour and Conservative parties know what Britain lacks: a written constitution, which limits the power of the rulers; a catalogue of basic rights, an independent constitutional court, an independent central bank, federal structures and a new law on the vote. Measured by its constitution, Britain has become like a developing country. The teacher of democracy has fallen behind, but the ruling political class still does not realise that, at the end of the 20th century, much has to

How big are the chances for a reform? Even if the Conservatives are to achieve a majority again, the relationship must change between London and Brussels, between Westminster and the provinces and, not least, between the English and the Celtic peoples. However, per-haps the wavering, disillu-sioned British will chose a parliament in which none of the big parties commands an absolute majority. Perhaps a hung parliament could then bring in an end to the old system.

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Early start: Kevin McNamara, shadow Northern Ireland secretary, on the hustings in London yesterday with grand-daughter Rebecca, aged six weeks

### Tory says sorry for accusation

Graham Bright, Tory candi-date in Luton South, apologised yesterday for accusing Diane McKenzie, the wife of Bill McKenzie, his Labour rival, of orchestrating a demonstration against John Major, who was jostled

during a walkabout in Luton Solicitors for Mr Bright, Mr Major's parliamentary private secretary in the last Parliament, said in a statement that he had offered Mrs McKenzie a full apology and accepted that she was not directing the actions of a mob, nor egging it on. "He further accepts that she was only engaged in heckling the her way to where the crowd had gathered."

### Labour lead

The Tory marginal seat of Birmingham, Yardley is likely to fall to Labour, according to a poll carried out by Quality Fieldwork for the Birmingham Evening Mail.
It puts support for Labour at 40 per cent (36.6 in 1987). Conservatives 35 (42.6). Lib Dems 24 (20.8), others 1 (1). The survey was done in face to-face interviews among a sample of 1,010 electors across the constituency on Saturday and Monday.

Crying for Tory

Michael Heseltine took on the role of town crier, complete with brass bell, to delive his message on behalf of Conal Gregory, Conservative candidate in the marginal constituency of York.

Paddy suits job

If the election depended only on sartorial elegance, Paddy Ashdown would make it to No 10. John Taylor, editor of British Style magazine, says that John Major is dull and Neil Kinnock has a "boyo" figure. Mr Ashdown, he says, looks better in a Barbour jacket than does Mr Major.

**Voting with feet** 

David and Christine Jackson. whose home just outside Howick, on the Northumberland coast, is being used as a polling station for the village will have to travel five miles to vote because the house, Copley Hall, is in the neighbour ing parish of Craster.

### I lacks sex appeal, the Canadians can hardly get enough of it. the Americans say that it could do with Margaret Thatcher but the Japanese are so impressed they might well make a copy and take it home.

British television screens are dominated by the election campaign but the rest of the world has its own agenda. Virtually every developed country, and quite a few undeveloped ones, have relevision stations with a London bureau, most of which are beating on a soundproof door when it comes to showing British election coverage on their

own nerworks. Canada and Japan are the most interesting excep-tions. John Owen. London bureau chief of the Canadi-an Broadcasting Corpora tion, says he expects to see about ten pieces lasting two minutes each on the main. 22-minute, nightly news by the end of the campaign. Next Monday. The Journal. Canada's Panorama. will run a ten-minute item previewing the poli and the issues involved.

"We have done items on Scottish devolution, for example, which has a great deal of relevance for Canadians because of the Quebec issue. Canada is headed for an election in the next 18 months and a lot of people are talking about the possi-bility of a five-way coalition. so the chance of a hung parliament here has echoes

in Canada," he says.
The American networks have shown almost nothing of the election, although Cable News Network is using a mixture of ITN tootage and its own reports to give the election exposure in America and via CNN International, which reaches 137

Japan, however, has a spe-cial reason for following the election: whereas the British are talking of proportional representation. they are thinking of adopting the present British system. Jiro Hirano, London bureau chief for NHK. the main Japanese network, says it will run two 50minute documentaries, on April 15 and May 3, explaining how the British system works.

"Our present system is vidual candidates than on parties," Mr Hirano said. and, with so much competition for each seat, huge amounts of money are spent and corruption arises. We are very interested in how you do it here." In addition to the documentaries, NHK is running four items on its main news this week (yesterday's lasted six minutes) and five are scheduled for

European television stations are more inclined to treat the election on its news value each day. As with British coverage of the American election. Italian coverage of our election has been eclipsed by their own poll. which is on April 5 and 6. RAI, the main network, is taking all its British coverage from Visnews, but little is getting on the air.

Primo Monaci. London manager for RAI, says British campaigns are dull. They are much more exciting in Italy, they have more sex appeal. Of course we have elections all the time: in some ways it is a ridiculous situation, but Italians

### TV battle hots up

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

ITN unveiled its answer to the BBC's "swingometer" in the election ratings war yesterday: an elaborate computer graphic of the Commons. As results come in, the

green benches will fill with red, blue, yellow and othercoloured figures and the presenter, John Suchet, will walk through the graphic pointing to seats gained and

It is ITN's first election night without Sir Alastair Burnet and Sir David Nicholas, former editor, but it has Sir Robin Day as interviewerin-chief. Jon Snow, the Channel 4 News presenter, will be the programme's main an-chor, with Julia Somerville interpreting the exit poll and Trevor McDonald reporting from outside Conservative Central Office.

A Harris exit poll will start ITN's election programme at

ITN, which is spending £2 million on 17 hours of live reporting on election night compared to the BBC's £2.5 million, yesterday dismissed the return of BBC's "swingometer" as a "two-dimensio-nal element of the Seventies". Stewart Purvis, editor-

10pm, five minutes after the

BBC1's NOP exit poll. In 1987, ITN's exit poll was cor-

rect: the BBC was criticised

for forecasting a smaller Tory

majority than proved to be

in-chief, said a swingometer could not allow for a threeparty element and "maybe that's not such a good idea with support for the Lib-Dems increasing"

Alastair Stewart. News Al Ten presenter, said the swingometer was valid for only 46 marginal seats out of the 94 Labour needed to win an outright majority.



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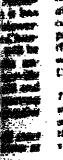
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### Constituency profiles: a town mourning loss of pit jobs, a city with a naval tradition and a seat of learning

### Courteous Benn wears socialism with pride

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN HIS campaign headquar-ters at Chesterfield Labour Club. Tony Benn greets the Times correspondent with an explosion of wrath. Some Hampstead smartyboots from another newspaper has visited town and played him mercilessly for cheap laughs. which he takes as an insult to his constituents. Party leaders are covered by the serious political reporters, while mi-nor figures like himself, he complains, have to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageously shallow sketch writers in their endless quest for the dever paragraph.

That off his chest, Mr Benn lights his pipe and his natural courtesy and charm are resurned. Labour's elder statesman, a bus-pass backbencher aged 67 who fought his first election in 1950, who is now on his 16th, who was in the Commons when Bevan was still health minister, and who remembers at the age of six being introduced to Ramsay MacDonald, is still on cracking, unconventional form.

This election, he says, is the most important he can remember, yet it is perhaps the worst-conducted, being firmly in the grip of television. Everyone I speak to is turned off by the national campaign," he says. "There is no discussion of issues: it is all comment about comment about comment. If democracy ever fails in this country, it will not be because of military dictatorship; it will be because of this kind of empty

campaigning."
Mr Benn's views are confirmed by a morning's canvassing around a couple of mother-and-toddler groups, where he resolutely refuses to kiss any babies, there being a camera present. Several mothers tell him that they are fed up with the campaign. "I think," Mr Benn says darkly later, "there will be rioting in the end. Rioting historically

CHESTERFIELD 1987 result: A N W Benn (Lab) 24,532 (45.5%); A H Rogers (L/Ali) 15,955 (29.6%); R P Grant (C) 13,472 (25%). Labour majority: 8,577 (15.9%).

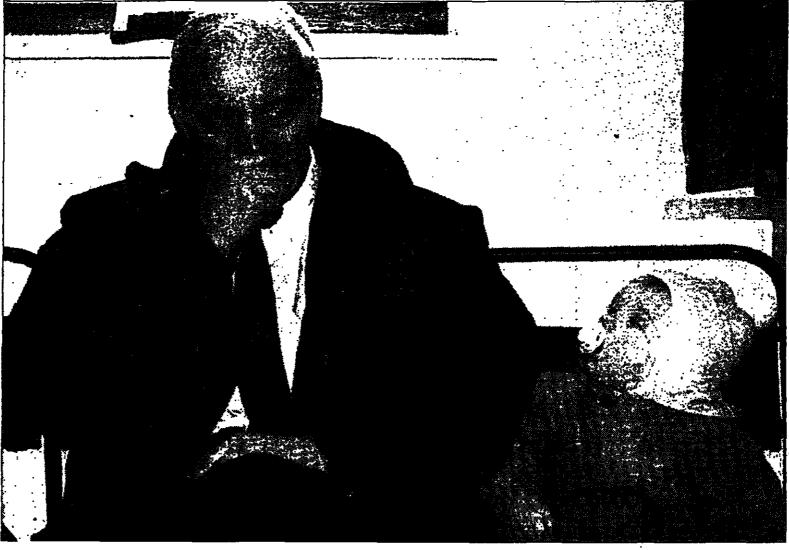
happens when people don't have an opportunity to air The Chesterfield candi-

date's views do not, of course, always coincide with those of the Labour leadership. His election poster proudly car-ries the naughty words "Committed Socialist". He strives, therefore, to campaign on local issues and says rather grandly: "The people of Chesterfield are not electing a govemment: they are electing a representative." It is a charmingly old-fashioned view; would that it were still true.

Chesterfield is dominated by unemployment. When Mr Benn first took the seat in 1984, a quarter of jobs in the constituency were in, or heavily dependent upon, coal mining. Now, only one pit is left, and Mr Benn calculates that the town draws £54 million a year in unemployment benefit, which he regards as a monstrous waste. Another Benn calculation, much brandished by him on the stump, is that every Chesterfield family pays £30 a week towards armaments, and £40 a week in value-added tax.

At an engineering works hit by falling orders from the coal industry, a senior manager tells Mr Benn that no government in 40 years has been interested in encouraging the nation's industrial base. Mr Benn counters that one Labour government, featuring himself as energy secretary. got development of North Sea oil absolutely right.

Later, addressing a lunchtime meeting of workers in the factory canteen, redolent of the heady bouquet of Dad-



Lost for words: Tony Benn takes a break from electioneering with a non-speaking, non-voting friend at a playgroup in Chesterfield

die's Sauce, Mr Benn is asked what Labour would do about further pit closures. We are going to control and limit imported coal," he replied. "We are going to prevent open-cast mining unless the relevant local authority approves it. We are going to stop building gas-fired and nuclear power stations. We are going to encourage cleanburn coal stations. Oil will run out by the turn of the century; we have coal for 1,000 years."

What, someone else asks, about creating jobs? Improvement schemes, especially those directed at cleaning the environment, says Mr Benn, hitting a truly local chord. The Rother, which flows sluggishly through Chesterfield, one of the most polluted rivers in Europe.

Another pipe, another reflection. "The word 'socialism' on my poster has not lost me a single vote." Mr Benn says. "People will support you if they think you're serious. My complaint about the Labour movement is that it hasn't done any teaching for 40 years; it has always been on the defensive. Thatcher was successful because she was a teacher. Her values, of course, were rotten."

Mr Benn then strolls down a shopping arcade and offers a mighty hostage to sketch writers. He enters a pet shop and asks the price of parrots. (£200 to £1,000, he is told.) Ah, but it is a mere ploy to gain the attention of the shopkeeper, who, in three minutes flat, is taught the evils of proportional representation.

The problem with PR. Mr Benn says, is that all the candidates would be chosen by the leaders. And they, unlike the magnificently maverick Mr Benn. would presumably all be parrots.

### Navy city's 'champion' goes ahead by a whisker

BEARDS are big in Portsmouth South, top of the Liberal Democrats' list of target constituencies. The city's naval past and present means there is more facial hair on display than a ship's company of barbers could trim in a round-the-world cruise.

Mike Hancock, the Liberal Democrat candidate, sports a verdant beard and so do the men who frequently stop him on the streets to complain about useless Tories, hopeless Labour and "this 'ere poll tax business". The women grab his hand and squéeze.

Mr Hancock, who held the seat in a previous SDP incarnation until 1987, fingered his beard and beetled his brow yesterday as he recalled the defeat. "I only lost to the Tory by 205 votes. I am not a good loser - I never understand how anyone could be happy under those circumstances. I was really pissed off, really angry. So this time we are going to win again." he said.

Local off-licence managers and bookmakers would seem to agree. Ginger Constable, the turf accountant round the corner from Liberal Democrat campaign headquarters in Portsmouth South, offers odds of 2-1 on for Mr Hancock, 11-8 for David Martin the Tory candidate, while Labour's Syd Rapson trails at 25-1. "Got no chance here, the Labour," Mr Constable said yesterday tapping his

nose significantly.

Several local off licences have called Mr Hancock's office to offer cases of champagne at a discount for the election night celebration. "Don't you worry, there'll be a party on April 9. I've never fought an election where there's been such a good reaction on the street." the Liberal Democrat candidate said

Mr Hancock's aides admit privately that they worry about the "Mike will walk it" factor. "That's what happened in '87. Because everyone thought he was home and dry some didn't bother voting," one said as he surveyed a bleak council tower block conspicuously papered with

Labour posters. Mr Hancock, "Portsmouth's Champion" according to his poster campaign. has spent 20 years in local government. A cult of personality has grown up around him based on hard work and

1987 Result: D Martin (C) (below) 23,534 (43.3%); M T Hancock (SDP/All) 23,329 (42.9%); K Gardiner (Lab) 7,047 (13%); R Hughes (657 party) 455 (0.8%). Conservative majority: 205 (0.4%).



good results. "I like to think there's not a person in this city that doesn't know someone who I have helped. I know thousands of families, thousands of children's names and thousands of dog's names too," he said.

William Bezer, aged 87, recognised the Lib Dem candidate immediately when he arrived yesterday lunchtime at MacDonalds Watson Lodge an old people's home. Abandoning his rice pudding and dollop of strawberry jam.

Mr Bezer said: "He's got my vote, just like last time. Doesn't he look like the sailor on the front of the Players cigarette packet with that beard of his?"

Paul Smitherman, aged 39 and bearded of course, has forgiven Mr Hancock for the sin of defection from Labour to the SDP. That was then, this is now. I used to be staunch Labour, but this time I'm voting for the Liberal Democrats. The Tories have spent 13 years screwing Portsmouth and Labour have no chance here," he said.

Portsmouth's Champion cannot walk more than a few ards without being bearded by supporters or petitioners. Alice Langstead, aged 89, who "loves a pint of Guinness", giggled and held his hand tightly yesterday. "I've known him more years than I can remember," she said. Mr Hancock is not univer-

sally loved though. As chairman of the planning committee, he was associated with a council decision preventing the construction of a new stand at Fratton Park, the Portsmouth FC ground. "I've had dog mess through the letter box and abusive calls in the middle of the night. My daughter's car tyres were slashed too." He hoped that that was all over now.

The Tory attack on the Liberal Democrats suggesting the party could let Labour through the door of No 10 would seem to have backfired in Portsmouth South. Dozens of waverers telephoned campaign headquarters in Fratton Road yesterday to pledge support. "I wasn't sure, now I am. All the others can do is snipe and jeer. Who does Major think he is, telling us a vote for you is wasted or

### Alumni battle to succeed local hero

- By JOHN YOUNG

Springtime in Cambridge, a city of warfare between frustrated drivers, aggressive cyclists and militant pedestrians. As spring ripens into summer and tourists arrive in their thousands, iams will grow and tempers shorten.

The Labour candidate and the Liberal Democrat candidate are making an issue of traffic. According to Anne Campbell, for Labour, it is all the fault of the Tories who have favoured cars and let public transport decline. For the Liberal Democrats,

David Howarth says that air pollution has reached levels dangerous to health. He wants the city provided with trams or a light railway and has promised that, if his party gains power, it would reopen the railway between Oxford and Cambridge, which may or may not be a vote winner. Lest it be thought that Cambridge, of all places, cannot see beyond its own smog, it should be said that this is a good, strong three-way con-test between three bright can-didates, all of whom are

graduates of the university. Were Sir Robert Rhodes James seeking re-election for the Conservatives, he would be hot favourite. His independence of mind and readiness to champion higher education won him strong local allegiance that may not be transferred to his successor. However, after 15 years as an MP, Sir Robert has decided to return to writing books,

1987 result: R V Rhodes James (C) 21,624 (40%); Mrs S V T B Williams (SDP/AII) 16,564 (30.6%); C J Howard (Lab) 15,319 (28.3%); Ms M E Wright (Gm) 597 (1.1%). Conservative majority: 5,060 (9.4%).

and the task of defending the seat has fallen to Mark Bishop, a barrister aged 33. Mr Bishop is nothing if not

local, having been educated at The Leys School and Downing College: he was president of the union. According to James

Strachan, the local Conservasupport is holding up well. and the latest canvassing returns show a slight swing to the Tories. However, he admits that he does not expect to pick up much support within the university. Colleges put all their members on the electoral roll, but how many undergraduates will vote in Cambridge rather than their home constituencies is another matter.

Labour's Ms Campbell, who looks far younger than her 51 years, was educated at Newnham College and is now a senior lecturer in statistics. She is campaigning on unemployment and homeless-ness; Cambridge's image as a city of learning and "hi-tech" industries disguises considerable hardship, she says. Un-employment, although below the national average, is nearly

per cent.
The Lib Derns' Mr Howarth was born in Staffordshire, won a scholarship to Clare College and gained a law degree. As a city council-lor, he has promoted green policies and needs a swing of less than 5 per cent to win the worse?" said a male telephone caller, probably bearded, who rang to promise his support.

seat. Judging by national opinion polls, that could easily be within his grasp.

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### Alliance dreams of breaking mould

JOHN Alderdice, a psychi-atrist by trade and leader of Northern Ireland's Alliance party, is like a man trying to

break out of a strait-jacket. You may have seen him on television during the stop-start Brooke talks at Stormont. Of the four leaders in the talks, he alone was not an MP. He was also the only one who could truly be said to have had no preconditions preventing him from tackling the business of achieving a deal on Northern Ireland's polit-

Dr Alderdice and his fol-lowers are a rare breed in Northern Ireland - proba-bly too rare to return an MP. They are reasonable and conciliatory minded and while supporting the union, are prepared to ac-cept that Dublin has a legitimate role in Northern Ireland's affairs, and they want to talk and negotiate. They are also the avowed enemies of sectarianism.

The Alliance was formed in 1970 with the central aim of breaking the sectari-

Ulster's party of conciliation has yet to return an MP but its leader stays optimistic, Edward Gorman reports

an mould. The party now boasts substantial numbers of Roman Catholics and Protestants in its unlike the other political parties. Its 16 candidates divide equally between the two creeds.

The party has never achieved the kind of break-

Vote share for the Alliance party of Northern Ireland in Westminster and local gov-ernment elections since 1970 W 1973 LG 1974 W

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through of which Dr Alderdice and his colleagues dream, a reflection of the stubborn adherence of most in Northern Ireland to tribal and religious to-tems. In the 1979 election.

the Alliance won 11.8 per

cent of the vote, dipping to 10 per cent in 1987. This week, Dr Alderdice was visiting the attractive middle class seaside town of Bangor in the constitu-ency of North Down. where, with his own Belfast East constituency, the party has its best chance returning its first MP. He seems optimistic and points to what he believes are signs of dissatisfaction

clamour for peace. His main theme has been that a vote along traditional lines is a wasted

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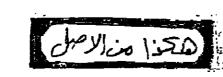
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of intransigence. Dr Alderdice, who is trying for the second time to unseat Peter Robinson of the Democratic Unionist party believes that the province wide vote for his party is a key feature of the election. "It will send a message to the other political send a m ical parties in Northern Ire-land whether or not people want peace," he said. "If the Alliance vote increases, then the chances of the inter-party talks reaching some successful conclusion after the election are much.

much greater."

Returning its first MP would give the party and its standing at the talks a tremendous boost. Dr Alderdies has a present and the standing at the talks a tremendous boost. Dr Alderdies has a present a dice has a chance in East Belfast, and so does his col-league Addie Morrow, a farmer from Dundonaid, in North Down. If Mr Morrow wins, Dr Alderdice would be overshadowed somewhat as party leader. in that event, he and Mr Morrow would discuss the future over a stiff drink





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hopeful Mr Archer had nursed on his lapel. "I told Mrs Thatcher a year ago that we would win Tooning." Have you put money on it? "No bookie will take money

on it. They know a safe bet

when they see one." Then, just when you believed that Tooting — with its 1,441 Labour majority for Tom Cox, its C2 voters, its hard-working Asians, its mid-dle-class families who have been edged further out of central London with the arrival of every new child, and its seductive zero poll tax de-mands from Tory-run Wandsworth council — was

in the Tory bag for Thursday, in walked the Tory candidate. Actually he limped in, on aluminium crutches, stage right. Was this a joke? It was the sort of cheap metaphor a minor-league novelist might have dreamt up to convey the Conservatives' grim prospects one week before a general election. Every unfavourable opinion poll would be mirrored by the protagonist tripping and falling badly, setting back his recovery; but there was always hope for a miraculous recovery, allowing the hero to throw aside his

"TOOTING is going to be our big victory," declared Jef-1987 result: T M Cox (Lab) 21,457 (44.2%); M A Winter (C)

Constituency profiles: marginals in London and the North-West

**Archer writes off Labour** 

20.016 (41.3%); J N Ambache (SDP/All) 6.423 (13.2%); Mrs

ing as one of the marginal

London seats the Tories can

wrest from Labour. The un-

demanding poll tax bills have

wooed many, while many Asian shopkeepers and local

businessmen who used to vote

Labour and who are suffering

seems very sure whether this is a strand worth weaving into the unfolding plot, so Mr

Winter just says, "Never mind", and we all move on.

Do people ask for Mr Ar-cher's autograph? "About one

in three. But not old people.

They're very courteous. Very

polite." They were polite in

M Vickery (Gm) 621 (1.3%). Labour majority: 1,441 (3%).

walking aids just as the Tory entourage, who now realise prime minister learnt he was why Central Office sees Tootback in Downing Street. It was a pretty feeble plot, but probably no feebler than that of many blockbusters.

"Actually," Mr Winter said, "I did it coming down the water ski jump at Thorpe Park." As we all hobbled along Balham High Road towards a waiting crowd of Tory supporters in Du Cane Court, a 1930s mansion block Mr Winter said. "One block, Mr Winter said: "One advantage of this accident is that I've been to St George's. a local NHS hospital, twice in the past month: for this and because my wife's just had a

baby there.
"My treatment was first-class. My accident allows me to raise the subject of NHS treatment, and people I talk to say they have had first-class treatment, too." This is a near literary twist, using the main metaphor for the dual purpose of praising the health service in Tory hands.

"We're going to knock on some doors in H-Block," says the Tory helper at Du Cane Court, a jungle of corridors apparently peopled only by aged Tory voters, who all back Mr Winter. Even Mr Archer feels that his talents are not being stretched. "Are there any socialists in this constituency?" he asks his

Tooting. Before leaving, Mr Archer rallies the faithful partv workers in the fover of Du Cane Court, speaking slowly and clearly, telling them that if they get all Tory voters to the polls then Mr Winter will be their next MP.

He waves and says "Bye-bye, everybody" the way Harry Corbett did at the end of the Sooty Show, and sweeps off to Lewisham West, where "Vote John Maples" ousts Mr Winter's name. Driving through south London in his red Daimler.

from the drop in retail spend-ing are worried about Lab-Mr Archer continues to act with the punchy air of a cabinet minister. "I've got £10 on our's proposed tax increases. But there is unemployment, too, and worries about the Conservatives winning a 27-seat majority," he confides. His only worry is he may have underestimated the scale of the Tories' triumph. Suddenly a woman opens her front door and on seeing Mr Archer's face in the corridor moans, "Ooh, I'm sorry. I'm all wet," but nobody He is bashful about what

he expects as a reward from Mr Major should the Conservatives win. But he is less bashful about deriding Labour and what he sees as their dubious conversion to capi-talism and double-breasted suits. "You wait till April 10 and see them step out of their suits!" So it's a horror story



Keen and able: Jeffrey Archer lends his political style to Tory Martin Winter's campaign in Tooting

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### Adviser with a big

WHAT a politician says may sometimes be no more important than the way he says it. according to Liz Lynne, actress turned specialist in sharpening the cutting edge of political oratory.

Paddy Ashdown's firm delivery of the Liberal Democrat message owes something to Miss Lynne's advice and now she is creating political thunder of her own as the party's candidate for Rochdale, the person appointed to step into Sir Cyril Smith's

considerable shoes.

But will Miss Lynne's oratory sway the voters of Rochdale enough to enable her to "Canvass returns suggest we will hold the seat. They have been fantastic. It looks as if I am keeping his vote and picking up votes from both Tories and Labour," she said. "The main point is that people in Rochdale are fed up with the Labour council that has closed old people's homes and cut the education and social

"People say they trusted Cyril and if he believes I should take over, that is OK by them," she says. It was not always OK by Sir Cyril, who made no secret of the fact that he preferred another candidate among the four finalists for selection. But Miss Lynne won on the second ballot and Sir Cyril has come round to the idea of being succeeded by a former actress and

voice-over" specialist.

The Liberal Democrat
campaign is aimed strongly
against David Williams, the local Labour councillor de-feated by Sir Cyril by nearly 3,000 votes in 1987. Mr Williams's refusal to pay his com-



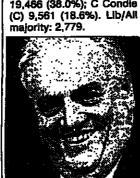
to do so by the courts, his opposition to the Gulf war and the economies intro duced by Rochdale borough council, of which he is a member, count heavily against him in the Liberal

Mr Williams, a lecturer in no more. "His personal vote "Two-thirds of it will come to votes, but the net result would be a convincing victory for

Labour. Tory candidate and a former private secretary to Norman Tebbit, believes it was Sir Cyril's charisma rather than Liberal policies that had secured the seat since 1972. By his reckoning up to 10,000 voters may desert the Liberal Democrats, many of them sympathetic to the Conserva-tive party.

### YOUR LAST CHANCE act to follow

1987 result: C Smith (below) (Līb/All) 22,245 (43.4%); D Williams (Lab) 19.466 (38.0%); C Condie (C) 9,561 (18.6%). Lib/All majority: 2,779.



Democrat view.

educational management, says that the "Cyril" factor is us because so much of Rochdale is natural Labour territory." The rest would probably go to the Tories in tactical

Duncan Goldie-Scot, the

### By RONALD FAUX

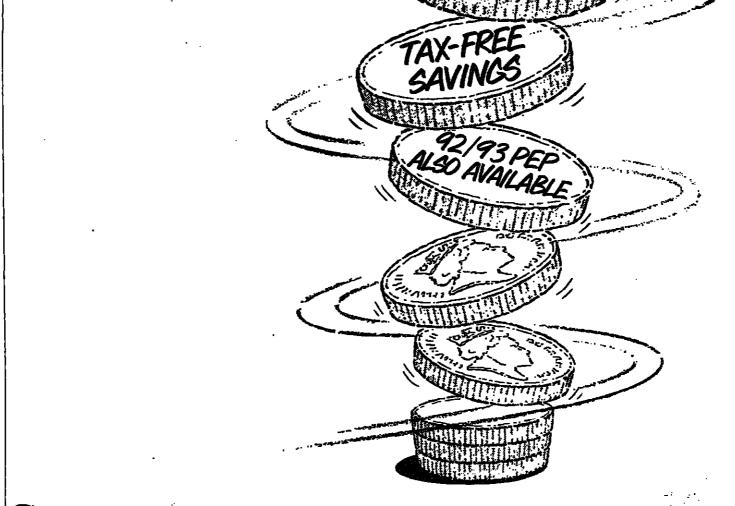
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Mitterrand's scapegoat bids adieu

### Cresson puts brave face on failure

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

EDITH Cresson finally took poll showing that almost 70 her leave of the French early yesterday morning with a brave public face that concealed the intense bitterness she feels towards the Socialist party leadership.

As the removal vans arrived at the prime minister's quarters in the Hôtel Matignon, Mme Cresson's aides were making clear her fury at those she believes set out to wreck her ten-month term in office. Ushered out by a new opinion

per cent of those asked want-ed President Mitterrand to sack her, she also wanted it known that other women in the government are in despair about the misogyny of ageing party notables. And it is hardly a secret that she considers Pierre Bérégovoy. her successor, to be promi-

nent among the guilty men. Although the game was up for Mme Cresson long before the disasters of the recent

### Grey Bérégovoy brings little cheer

Man in the News

A nervous M Mitterrand has played it safe in his choice of Mme Cresson's successor, Philip Jacobson writes

At the end of a week of vacillation that has done nothing for President Mitterrand's standing, the choice of Pierre Beregovoy to replace Edith Cresson as prime minister represents a nervous vote for safety first that could easily rebound on the Elysée Palace. By no stretch of the imagination can "Bere". 67 next birthday and the epitome of the old school of French socialism, be presented as a prime minister to rally the shattered party. let alone lift the nation out of the profound morosite that afflicts it.

The appointment of M The appointment of Manageresines the poverty of leader-ship on the French left. Whatever his reassurable solid qualities, almost 40 years of devoted service to M Mitterrand must label him as one of the "elephants" whom Mme Cresson blames for resisting her efforts to drag the par-ty into the 1990s. He has been installed at the Matignon, the prime minister's office, barely a year away from a formidably difficult general election. This can only reflect M Mitter-rand's conviction that once the form candidate, Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, had dealt himself out, imposing another "unorthodox" candidate upon the French (perhaps Jack ture minister) was simply

too much of a risk. The mild and unassuming M Bérégovoy possesses textbook working class cre-dentials. He is the self-educated son of a small tradesman from Rouen who came to left-wing politics via a lowly job on the railway — where he served in the Resistance - then the state gas utility. In a cabinet stuffed with graduates of France's intellectual pro-duction lines, M Bérégovoy

EC is main

food donor

to Moscow

FROM BRUCE CLARK

IN MOSCOW

THE European Community

has surpassed domestic

sources as the main supplier

of meat and dairy products to

Moscow and St Petersburg

and it would welcome help

from America and other countries. Michael Emerson,

the EC's chief representative

His comments reflected a

widespread sense in Western

Europe that the latest Ameri-

can proposals for aid to Rus-

sia should not distract atten-

tion from the burden being

shouldered by the EC, which

in Russia, said yesterday.

does not even possess a baccalauréat.

Having toiled alongside M Mitterrand during the latter's long years in the political wilderness, M Beregovoy enjoys the presi-dent's trust and confidence. In 1981, after M Mitterrand had finally made it to the Elysee Pal-ace, he appointed him as chief-of-staff, then brought him into the cabinet.

By the undemanding

standards of French poli-tics today, M Beregovoy is generally perceived as hon-est, hard-working and extremely competent. At almost 40 per cent, his latest popularity rating was twice as high as Mme Cresson's and also above the president's.

Over the past few years, M Bérégovoy's un-swerving pursuit of economic austerity has earned him the nickname of "M Rigueur" and the fierce hostility of the trade continues to mount. Many a lapsed Socialist voter would endorse yesterday's assessment of him by a centrist politician as "min-ister of taxes, budget deficit, unemployment and fin-

ancial scandals". By contrast, the bankers and the Bourse applaud his devotion to low inflation — at 3.1 per cent, France has at last undercut maintaining the value of

the franc. But the real crunch will come with the 1993 election campaign, when French voters can pass personal judgment on him. Admirers concede that M Bérégovoy is a desperately grey politician, hopeless at the business of shaking hands and kissing babies. while his long-winded manner of speaking is said to bore M Mitterrand alregional and local elections. her determined rearguard action, seeking to persaude M Mitterrand to keep her on with a new and politically attractive cabinet, was totally in character. For all her inept performance in office, she was always a fighter. "My little soldier," the president called her back in the honeymoon days as she marched into trouble on his orders.

Even her many detractors concede that this poised and elegant woman displayed grace under the relentless pressure of her extreme un-popularity with the French. Most observers also acknowledge that she inherited heavy burdens, from an economy on the brink of recession to a cupboard full of damaging scandals.

Never strong on tactics, Mme Cresson soon earned the enraity of the Socialist old guard by pressing M Mitter-rand to open the government to younger talent from outside the party. And her im-portant speeches too often came over as strident lectures. Also, she had an unfortunate gift for making the wrong sort of headline. Claiming that most British men are homosexuals or deriding the Japanese as "worker ants" did nothing to enhance her

To the clear majority of the French, Mme Cresson appeared utterly out of place, a flame-haired, privileged Pari-sian in designer outfits play-ing at "champagne Social-ism" as the country fell on harder times. She had also to face rumours, persistent but never proven, that her long-standing relationship with M Mitterrand went some way beyond the strictly political: her first address to parliament as prime minister was disrupted by opposition jeers of "Madame Pompadour".

Mme Cresson has lost her battle, but M Mitterrand has been gravely wounded and emerges without credit. She was his choice, his mistake, and while she stolidly soaked up the punishment for un-popular policies handed lown from the Elysee Palace, his ultimate concern was selfpreservation at any cost.

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Cresson: has stolidly soaked up punishment



guished journalist who cov-

ered the battle of Stalingrad

for the Bologna newspaper, Il Resto di Carlino, in the sec-

ond world war. He gives the league an air of sophistication

fitting for a city that boasts one of the oldest universities in Europe. Traditional pride in all things regional, includ-

ing Bologna's reputation as

the gastronomic capital of

Italy, plays a large part in the league campaign in Emilia.

Signor Rossi warms to his

theme, quoting Garibaldi

while tucking into roast beef with parmesan cheese and tagliatelli alla Bolognese at the restaurant in the smart

This thoughtful campaign-

ing style contrasts with the brash populism of the Lom-bardy League leader, Umber-to Bossi, who denies being

racist but makes clear his

disdain for almost everyone

from the Italian south. The

League movement in Emilia

began only in the late 1980s,

some five years after it sprang

up in Lombardy, and it has

2,000 signed-up members in Bologna. In the 1990 local elections, the movement won

and provincial councils

Lucio Borciani, the provincial

secretary, hopes it will take

two parliamentary seats in

the region.
The league hopes to profit

from the split within the Ital-

ian communist movement. Indeed, Davide Visani, national organiser of the former communist Democratic Par-

ty of the Left, acknowledged

the devolutionists could win

at least one seat in the "red

Yeltsin sacrifices aide to

keep reforms on course

hotel Baglioni.

plots trajectories on a map of Moscow at a missile command centre in Dolgoprudny, a closed army town where the S-300 anti-missile miss-

which the Russians claim is superior to the Patriot batteries deployed by the Americans during the Gulf war, was unveiled at Dolgopudny

opening of the missile centre came amid growing concern over weapons sales, which are no longer in line with the rules of international

Brussels on Wednesday, Tom King.

the defence secretary, called for strict controls on the sale of weapons from former Soviet republics.

### Italian devolutionists look for gains in the red belt

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN BOLOGNA

HISTORY counts as much as does resentment of Rome for the League of the North in cultured Emilia Romagna, where federalist leaders like to quote Garibaldi: "Let us leave the people to eat their maca-

roni in their own way."
Luigi Rossi, the dean of the league candidates standing for the Bologna-Ferrara constituency in the Italian general election on Sunday, illustrates his call for an

autonomous "Republic of the North" by referring to the original Lombardy League that took up arms against the Holy Roman Emperor Federico in 1172. "I was pleased to learn that Bologna was among the cities that ob-tained autonomy at the peace of Constanzo in 1183 in return for recognising the over-all authority of the holy

### Signor Rossi is a distin-Kohl stands by for rebuff in state polls

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

VOTERS go to the polls in two states in the north and southwest of Germany on Sunday to pass judgment on Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, and Björn Engholm, his likely Social Democratic chalenger for the leadership in

Opinion polls show that Herr Kohl's Christian Demostand no chance of prevent-ing Herr Engholm from retaining his overall majority and may be forced to form a coalition in Baden-Württemberg, where the far right has been winning support. The state is the only one the party controls in western Germany.

In both states, everybody is worried about taxes, unemployment and inflation - and even more worried about asylum-seekers. Baden-Württemberg, home of Germany's

most successful engineeering and hi-tech industries, has inflation just under 5 per cent while big employers are laying off workers. In Schleswig-Hoistein, as elsewhere in the world, agriculture and shipbuilding are in trouble.

Christian Democrat woes are compounded by scandals. Gerhard Stoltenberg, who ister this week after failing to stop tanks being delivered to Turkey, was the party's father figure in Schleswig-Holstein. Ottfried Hennig, his deputy at the ministry, is the local party leader, and is no match for Herr Engholm.
In Baden-Württemberg.

Lothar Späth had to resign as prime minister last year for accepting free holidays. His successor, Erwin Teufel. is paying in popularity for the sins of his predecessor.

### **Pesticide** ban will hit tulips

FROM MARK PULLER

IN AMSTERDAM THE tulip, the national symbol of The Netherlands and market leader of its flower industry, is under threat from a government plan to cut the use of pesticides, according to

bulb growers.
The bulbs are now associated with a pollution problem. The intensive bulb-growing sector uses about 24lb in pesticides and soil fumigants per acre — by far the highest concentration in the world. Concern has grown about the toxic effects of these chemicals on workers and the increasing levels of pollution in

the ground water. 75 per cent of which has been affected.

The government scheme,

according to one survey.

which comes before parliament next week, aims to ban a number of products and reduce the use of insecticides and fungicides by 60 per cent by the end of the decade. The proposals spell disaster for the industry, the bulb growers say. "We can accept a cut in volume, although it will be difficult. But a ban on some growing impossible. Diseases will become so firmly established that we will no longer be able to combat them," Aad Wollebregt, a spokesman for

the bulb-growing sector, said. The government is not expected to bow under the industry's lobbying. "The plan will cause the growers some financial problems, but environmental protection is a priority and it is the polluter that has to pay," an agricultural ministry spokesman said.

that the fall in industrial pro-

But bowing to Mr Yeltsin's continued popularity, Mr Khasbulatov declined to con-

demn reform as such: "I have

always been as fervent a sup-

porter of thorough economic

reform as anyone," he said, and admitted that he had "no

ready prescriptions". What he wanted were "correctives"

to eliminate the "miscalcula-

After all the statistics and

rhetoric, Mr Khasbulatov's fi-

nal message — "slow down a

bit" -- was mild, but it encap-sulated a whole world-view

which is all the more danger-

ous for its apparent harmless-

ness. "Slowing down" could

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tumn, the chairman of the

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### Church seeks links

Moscow: Russia's Orthodex Patriarchate, presiding over a spectacular rise in its influence at home, is moving to-wards reconciliation with White Russians overseas and seeking to mend a rupture with its members in Ultraine (Bruce Clark writes).

Russian bishop, have gathered at the ancient Danilovsky monastery to consider canonising some of the most famous marryrs of the 1917 revolution, which would draw them closer to the Russian Orthodox Church in exile.

Among those being considered is Princess Elizaveta Fyodorovna, a member of the imperial family who founded a nunnery after her husband was killed by revolutionaries in the upheavals of 1905. The White Russian church has always insisted, as a precondition for reconciliation, that Tsar Nicholas be acknowledged as a saint and marryr

### Croats targeted

Beigrade: Vojislav Seselj, Serbia's leading nationalist politician, has called in parliament for the expulsion of all the republic's Croats Mr seli, respected by President Milosevic, once threatened to gouge out Croat eyes "with

### Fighting stops

Kishinyov: Moldavia says that the fighting between its police and Russian separatists has stopped, removing the threat by the locally based former Soviet Union's 14th army that it would deploy troops to enforce a ceasefire. (Reuter)

### Asylum sought

Bonn: A further 35,059 asylum seekers - almost double the number officials were able to vet - arrived in Germany in March, bringing the total to 97,397 this year. Another 47,702 ethnic Germans. most from the former Soviet Union, have also arrived.

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### Rebel charged

Paris: Francisco Mugica Garmendia, a commander of Eta, the Basque separatist group, has been charged here with possessing arms and explosives and belonging to a commando which Spanish police blame for several bomb attacks. (Reuter)

### Workers march

Vigo. Spain: Up to 100,000 workers marched through Vigo, capping a one-day general strike in the province of Galicia. Unions may call a nationwide strike if the government does not implement a development plan for the region. (Reuter)

### Hijackers flee

Moscow: Three hijackers who seized hostages in southern Russia and then surrendered in the breakaway republic of Chechenia have escaped from prison, Tass reported. The men took advantage of clashes in Grozny to break out of jail. (Reuter)

### Joke misfires Moscow: Russians in the

Kurile islands, seized from Japan by the Soviet Union in the second world war, are demanding an apology after Russian television caused panic with an April Fool joke saying the islands were to be given back (Reuter)

### Gallantry cuts little ice in harsh new market world

the Polish gentleman. He gives flowers to women acquaintances at every opportunity, he opens doors with a flourish and, at the briefest encounter, grabs a female hand and kisses it in greeting.

This 19th-century vision is fading fast: the Helsinki Watch Committee has reported that while Poland has become more democratic, the rights of women have shrunk and are shrinking. Old world courtesies are no substitute for a job. a decent wage or a creche. "And frankly," says Anka, aged 28, "this handkissing business is pretty The New York-based com-

It is a similar story in the

is half-way through the dismittee found that hyperinbursement of a food aid flation had destroyed the base progamme worth 200 million of most alimony payments or ecus (£143 million). housekeeping allowances and women were often forced to Mr Emerson said the EC was the only supplier of butcourt to squeeze out their due. ter, virtually the only provider It found that men were reguof milk powder and until relarly favoured over women in cently the sole significant a very tight Polish job market. source of meat for the two This was partly because of the cities. Before the last price social infrastructure introcontrols were lifted a few days duced by the communists -ago, only a "trickle" of fresh women were given generous milk had been reaching the maternity leave and granted cities because Russian farmpaid time off if their children ers found it more lucrative to were sick. In the new capitalproduce cheese or yoghurt. ist climate, that raises the cost of employing women. More than half of Poland's two • Sydney: Eduard Shevard-

nadze, the interim leader of million unemployed are Georgia, yesterday placed advertisements in newspapers in several countries pleading rest of Eastern Europe. Spending cuts in Czechoslofor spiritual and financial support for the Commonvakia and Hungary have hit wealth of Independent hospitals, one of the biggest States, (Reuter)

THERE is a certain image of Capitalism is putting the necessities of life in the shops but it is threatening the rights that communism promised women, Roger Boyes writes in Warsaw



employers of women; in Sofia it was reported recently that nurses had to double as prostitutes. One Slovak sociologist remarked: "We don't see women as second-class citizens. Rather we see them as aliens from outer space. Who put them here? What do they want from us?"

Things are probably worst in Poland. New legal provisions are designed to slow down the divorce process and, under one proposal being considered in parliament, a marriage could only be dissolved after ten years of separation. The right-wing Christian National Union party dominates the present government. Its ideas include family wages" — a move aimed at keeping women at home - and it wants a strict ban on abortion. The abortion issue has rallied the rather weak feminist movement in Poland. There are about 30 feminist groups and they are beginning to make an impact. But at the top of both politics and industry there is a thick wall of unyielding men. Anna Popowicz, the government plenipotentiary on family affairs - and one of the few women in the political establishment - has just been edged out of her job for not opposing abortion strongly enough. Under communism abor-

tion was granted on demand. Indeed a dense network of women's rights was put in place by the communists. These are now swiftly being unravelled. Slavenka Drakulic, a Croatian writer, has argued that the rights and privileges granted to East Euroepan women under communism were soon eroded by the general economic malaise, with the system un-

able even to produce sanitary towels. Nowadays, ordinary life has improved, at least for reasonably well-off women. There are fewer queues, and high-street shops sell not only tampons and cotton wool but also stylish clothing. But for poorer women, life has become very difficult.

### FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW A SWINGEING attack on Boris Yeltsin's radical government by Ruslan Khasbulatov. the chairman of parliament, and a symbolic concession to the opposition by the presi-

belt" region.

dent highlighted the fierce struggle in progress for Russia's economic future. The moves came four days before the opening of the Russian Congress of People's Deputies at which the course of Russia's economic reforms. as well as the personalities behind them, will be crucial issues. Mr Yeltsin's concession took the form of a presidential decree relieving Yegor

finance minister. Later it was made clear that Mr Gaidar, who has been pilloried by the opposition since prices were freed in January, would retain his position as first deputy premier in charge of economic reform. A deputy finance minister, Vasili Barchuk, was

Gaidar - the economic re-

form supremo — of his post as

promoted to be minister. The decree allows the opposition to claim a victory - and possibly take some of the heat off Mr Gaidar - while leaving the balance of power unchanged. Earlier, Mr Yeltsin had insisted that he would not change his team: "We can't sacrifice this truly reformist government." he told reporters. "It is a bold, cohe-

sive and young team."

Mr Yeltsin issued his decree at the end of a day on



used his position as chairman of the Russian parliament in a highly unorthodox manner to declare war on the government's economic policy. Although Mr Khasbulatov had sniped at the government for several months, this was the first time he had exploited his chairmanship to marshal parliament into a formal opposition bloc. Mr Khasbulatov, formerly

an academic economist, spent 40 minutes at the beginning of yesterday's session tearing into most aspects of the economic reforms - from their monetarist origins to their effect on living standards. He supplied deputies with three long documents purporting to substantiate his view that there must be more support for the low-paid and

Gaidar: removed from

his finance post which Mr Khasbulatov had

Russian parliament now enioys broad support from the deputies. His Chechen na-tionality and his sometimes authoritative mannner had all been obstacles to his election as chairman. Now, many see him as their only bulwark against a hostile government. But the conflict is not only

about politics. The battle of Mr Khasbulatov and others against the government suggests a large personal element. This may reflect rivalry for the ear of Mr Yeltsin. From economists like Mr Khasbulatov, it may also reflect professional envy that others have been chosen for Russia's great experiment.

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### **Arab states** braced for trouble after Tripoli riots

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SECURITY has been tightened in Cairo and other Arab capitals in case yesterday's anti-sanctions violence in Tripoli spills over elsewhere in the Arab world after today's weekly prayers in the

Arab anger against the United Nations' decision ranges across the social and political spectrum. It has been whipped up by critical articles in the media. Arab officials said that street demonstrations have become a strong possibility in those Arab countries that try to impose the sanctions after April 15.
The UN vote has posed a

severe dilemma for President Mubarak, the West's main Arab ally and the leader with the closest ties to Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader. With up to a million Egyptians working in Libya and more due to settle on land reclaimed by the Great Man-Made River Project, Libya has provided an important outlet for Egypt's large and destabilising labour surplus.

As the recipient of \$2 bil-lion (£1.1 billion) in annual American aid and the lynch-pin of the 1990 Arab coalition against Iraq, Egypt's reaction to the UN resolution will be a crucial pointer to the attitude of the Arab world. Already the opposition press has voiced fury at the UN move, widely seen as an attempt to infringe the sovereignty of an Arab state.

During the Gulf war, students and Islamic fundamentalists who demonstrated opposition to Egypt's pro-Western stand were imprisoned. Diplomats said it was unlikely that opposition to the sanctions could be dealt with in the same way. Khaled Mohieddin, leader

of the opposition Grouping Party, claims that the resolution was tantamount to declaring economic war on Libya and the neighbouring Arab states led by Egypt. "Neither the UN nor the security council is moving to impose any sanctions on a state like Israel, which is re jecting the implementation of

scores of resolutions," he said. Since diplomatic ties between the two neighbours were restored in 1989 after a 13-year break caused by Egypt's peace pact with Israel. Mr Muharak has tried to restrain Colonel Gadaffi. Senior Egyptian officials claim that in recent months, he has succeeded. They now fear that the sanctions wrangle will encourage hardliners in Libya to organise a new wave

of anti-Western terrorism. Egypt, host to the 21-member Arab League, which is headed by a former Egyptian foreign minister, has been at

the centre of increasingly frantic efforts to find a compromise solution. The failure to ward off the UN vote was a bitter blow for Mr Mubarak, who has done nothing to disguise his anxiety over the long-term consequences. His aides immediately conferred with senior Libyan officials

after the vote was taken. Behind Egypt's anxiety is the fear of fundamentalism. both in Libya and at home. where economic hardships spilling over from the sanotions may be exploited by Islamic extremists always looking for ways to topple Mr Mubarak. There is also concern that the effects of sanctions inside Libya may be to increase pressure to over-throw Colonel Gadaffi and replace him with a more fundamentalist regime. In recent years, the Libyan leader has kept fundamentalists under tight control, but the Libyan struggle is being described in the Tripoli press as a fight against "neo-Christian colo-

nialist aggression". Although Egypt has re-buffed Colonel Gadaffi's overtures for a merger between the two nations, they have close ties. Oil-rich Libya has plans to invest up to £100 million in Egyptian industry and is financing a \$100 million rail link. Egyptian exports to Libya have soared since trade was revived and on Sundays up to 10,000 people make the desert crossing. While Egypt has



Mubarak: sanctions

been angered by Colonel Gadaffi's rhetorical excesses and his zig-zag policy on the Lockerbie affair, he is regarded more as a buffoon than an

On the bustling streets of Cairo yesterday there were signs that he was quickly becoming that favoured Arab figure, a martyr. "Gadaffi is a little crazy, but he is an Arab," said a shopkeeper in the crowded Khan Khalili bazaar. "It would be better if you British and Americans were to deal with the things Israel was doing wrong."

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### Clinton silence ploy cheered

Bill Clinton is at last warming to New York and has found a way to silence personal

questions, writes Peter Stothard

BILL Clinton told a television talk-show host that they would have to sit together in silence unless there was an end to questions about his extra-marital affairs. The studio audience cheered and the detailed questions about Gennifer Flowers stopped. it was a welcome relief for the Arkansas governor, whose staff believes the rolling "tide of filth" in the New York primary may at last have been turned.

Opinion polls yesterday show no increase in the

much-analysed "negative rating" for Governor Clin-ton. "If. it gets no worse than this we can still win both the primary next Tues-day and the general elec-tion in November," a senior campaign aide said. Governor Clinton looks a

battered man; anyone who had not seen him since the early days in New Hamp-shire would have been shocked at the change from vigorous, clear-voiced cam-paigner to hoarse and pudgy prima donna. His skin is chemo-therapy pink and his eyes vivid. But, as he addresssed crowds in Brooklyn and on Wall Street, there was a sense that he was at last warming to New York. The man behind the tabloid headlines did seem to be making a

To reporters' delight, Governor Clinton has so far offended the Italians (by Mafia references to Mario Cuomo, the mayor of New York), the Hispanics (by promoting English as America's language), the blacks and Jewish liberals (by playing golf at a white-parky course) and the Lish only course) and the Irish (by turning down a party invitation). He has, however, done nothing new to damage himself among white middle-class voters. the mass electorate that sometimes can be hard to find amid the feuding.

'If he can hold that line and stress George Bush's negatives in November, he can do what Ronald Rea-gan did to Jimmy Carter in 1980," an influential supporter predicted. "Remember how untrustworthy Reagan seemed: people thought he was going to blow up the world, but he

was better than Carter.' Mr Clinton's immediate primary opponent is also trying to draw those same mass voters. Jerry Brown's attraction is simple: a vote for him will open up the selection system, stop a suspicious-looking South-erner in his tracks and allow the New York convention to nominate a new set of candidates. Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey is the chatterers' choice, followed by George Mitchell of Maine.

Mr Brown, however, does not want that to happen.



walls of the establishment, not promote some of its most complacent and cowardly figures. He is running therefore in an opposite direction to the wishes of many who will vote for him. That is not so hard a task

for the former California governor as it might be for other men. The New York Times vesterday, responding to criticism that it was doing less to expose Mr Brown's past than Mr Clinton's, published a set of comments by former colleagues. Among the ver-dicts were that he is cold. calculating and adolescent; that he is a media-manipulator and a 180-degree kid who stretches the definition of chameleon to the

His White House com-munication director would have to be called "Transla-

said. On Tuesday Mr Brown was concentrating on his radical supporters To an audience of performance artists, union activists, music producers. Democratic office-seekers and a Great Dane with a pearl-collar, he promised to cut the leash that connected political leaders to the money-men who fed them. Gouda the dog in question. whose owner Norman Korpi was trying to inveigle Mr Brown onto a music

video, barked enthusiastic Later, in a bizarre event even for New York, Mr Brown wheeled a supermarket trolley of voter-registration forms in search of the Rev Jesse Jackson, who was pushing a similar vehi-cle from another part of Soho. Political leaders, unlike those who vote for

them, are not experienced

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supermarket trolleys. Add several hundred journalists, a little-dictator lift-attendant, a panicing press-aide (with pearls just like Gouda's). Commander Hoehl and his wonderful New York police-people, advertisement to enthuse an anarchist's heart.

When Mr Jackson was finally raised to speak by burly aides, Mr Brown ioined a comradely chain to support the reverend's grey pin-striped trouser leg. Since Mr Jackson is not known for brevity, this was a considerable sacrifice of energy for a presidential candidate. The effort was not even rewarded by an endorsement, although Mr Jackson said that he would look "favourably" on a vice-presidential nomination.

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### **Soldiers** stoned in Gaza Strip protest

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN GAZA

THOUSANDS of angry Palestinians took to the streets of Gaza's refugee camps yester-day pelting Israeli security forces with stones and vowing to avenge the scores of casualties caused in clashes on Wed-

nesday night.
One woman was killed when she was hit by an army jeep in Khan Younis, and 22 Palestinian youths were shot and injured when Israeli soldiers attempted to quell the disturbances with live ammunition, plastic bullets and tear gas. Although Palestinian activists allowed the residents a brief opportunity to shop yesterday, in preparation for the feast marking the end of Ramadan, teenagers then began to erect barricades and burn tyres, in a gesture of defiance intended to coax Israeli forces into a fight.

The scenes were reminiscent of the early days of the intifada, which were characterised by demonstrations by unarmed youths. Recently, conflict between undercover Israeli army patrols and small groups of armed Pales-tinians has been more common. Yesterday, the old tactics appeared to prevail, particularly in the densely populated and depressed refugee camp of Jabalia, where hundreds of youths, many hiding their faces behind masks and scarves, fought running battles with Israeli

The jeeps that came under greatest attack appeared to be those of the border police, who were responsible for the incident on Wednesday night in the refugee camp of Raffa, in the south, where, Palestinians claimed, men, women and children had been shot indiscriminately. United Nations and Palestinian medical sources confirmed that at least four people had been killed and 70 others injured when paramilitary police chased a car into the crowded market area of the Rafah refugee camp.

■ Washington: A censored report issued here by the State Department claimed that a "major recipient" of American military assistance, meaning Israel, had broken American law by selling sensitive American military technology to prohibited countries (Martin Fletcher writes).

Later yesterday, however, the State Department was expected to announce that a team of investigators had found no evidence in Israel to corroborate a separate charge that the Israelis had sold Patriot missile technology to

Nkomo defies Mugabe ban

on South African contacts

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

### Violence feared as Iranian poll nears

CAMPAIGNING for next Friday's single-chamber parliamentary elections in Iran began yesterday amid fears that the way candidates have been selected could lead to violent protests. More than a thousand names have been struck off the list of candidates because of their perceived opposition to President Rafsanjani, who hopes the new parliament will approve urgent economic reforms.

Posters which have appeared on the streets belong exclusively to the "moderate Association of the Combatant Clergy, which supports the government's intentions of privatising a large part of the economy and improving rela-tions with the West. It is opposed by the Society of the Combatant Clergy, an offshot which has a majority among the 270 members of the present parliament.

### Kim may quit

Tokyo: North Korea's official press has described Kim Jong Il. son and designated heir of the country's ageing leader, as "head of our party, the state and the army", reviving speculation that President Kim Il Sung is preparing to relinquish power. (Reuter)

### Police shot

Johannesburg: Two policemen were shot dead and a soldier was wounded by a sniper as armed gangs roamed through Alexandra township, east of here. Residents turned on security forces called in to quell the outbreak of violence.

### 'Don' arrested

New York: New York prosecutors claimed a clean sweep of alleged top Mafia families after arresting Victor Orena, alleged chief of the Colombo family, as a jury considered the fate of John Gotti, an alleged rival don. Two other alleged dons await trial.

### Account frozen

Manila: At Manila's request. Swiss authorities have frozen a bank account of Eduardo Cojuangeo, the opposition Filipino presidential candidate, said to contain up to £4 million, the head of the presidential commission on good government said. (AFP)

### Law changing

Kota Bharu, Malaysia: state of Kelantan plans to implement Islamic law, which prescribes stoning for adultery and amoutation of the hand for theft. Islam is the official state religion but the country has been governed by secular laws since 1957. (Reuter)

### Feminists attack

Tokyo: K.K. Bestsellers, a Japanese publisher, is under attack from feminist groups for its tour books disclosing where to find prostitutes in Asian nations. Feminists say the company has promised to withdraw Southeast Asia for Men Travelling Alone. (AP)

### **Pakistan** sends aid to Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN has agreed to send emergency food supplies to Afghanistan on condition that the supplies reach the genuinely needy and are not diverted to government coupon shops.

Having worked to bring down President Najibullah during the 13-year Afghan civil war, Islamabad now sees him as the only bulwark against rising anarchy until an alternative government can be installed. United Nations-sponsored peace efforts are clearly progressing, with Benon Sevan, a special UN envoy who has been trying to persuade the president to step down, returning to Kabul yesterday for the second round of talks with Mr Najibullah in

the past few days. The loss of Mazar-i-Sharif, the second biggest city, to renegade Uzbek government militia has dealt a severe blow to Mr Najibullah's authority. Hairatan, a stategic city on the border of the former Soviet Union, has fallen to Tajik militia. The government also has lost control of the Salang highway, which provides the only overland

route from cental Asia. These developments point to growing ethnic fissures within the security forces and the ruling Watan (Homeland) party, leaving Mr Najibullah increasingly isolated. | vicemen at the base, exclud-

### Caviare and vodka make way for coffee and noodles

THE Vietnamese shop girls speak fluent Russian, and the few customers snapping up basic household goods are Russians and Ukrainians from the nearby naval base at Cam Ranh Bay.

But Cam Ranh is no longer a Russian town. The plastic military helmets on the shelves are made in China, Vietnam's former enemy. The wines and spirits are Vietnamese. So are the coffee and the noodles. Most of the rest of the goods on sale are Thai or Chinese.

Even the once plentiful caviare and vodka have disappeared. The Russians are leaving Vietnam — almost without a trace. It is only a matter of time before they pull out of the base completely. Konstantin Baykov, the spokesman for the Russian embassy in Hanoi. says a delegation from Moscow is expected to come to Hanoi soon to discuss the timetable for withdrawal with the Viemamese.

Last September's claim by the Soviet ambassador to the Philippines that Moscow needed to retain access to a naval base in Vietnam to provide some support for the fleet between Odessa and Vladivostok rings hollow today. There are no warships to be seen in the sheltered bay area. where the former Soviet forces have been stationed almost since the end of the Vietnam war. Mr Baykov estimates that there are about 500 ser-

Servicemen from the former Soviet Union are withdrawing, almost without trace, from Vietnam, Jonathan Braude writes from Cam Ranh Bay



ing civilian workers, a quarter of the number during the Soviet Union's heyday.

Vietnam is eager to see the Russians go. As early as April 1990, American officials reported that Vietnam had offered to let the Americans back into Cam Ranh Bay once the Russians had gone, although Washington still retains a trade embargo against Vietnam and the two countries have no diplomatic

Vietnamese officials are happy to explain to anyone who will listen that the end of the country's special relationship with the former Soviet Union has brought more advantages than disadvantages. allowing market reforms and ending the burdensome import of inferior goods. There are still about 2,000

Russians in Vietnam, most of

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them working in the oil in-dustry. Cam Ranh, the Russians and the Vietnamese agree, is a Vietnamese base. The former Soviet forces only have a few facilities there. The gates are manned by Vietnamese sailors, none of whom speak Russian. The town of Cam Ranh,

which was thriving when the Americans occupied the base during the Vietnam war, has declined under the Russians and is now just like any other Vietnamese market town. Only one shop has a sign in Russian.

Valya, aged 20, a shop assistant who has dispensed with her Russian name, says: There is nowhere to get Russian goods anymore. And no one to buy them. Business is terrible," she said, running her finger across her throat in a gesture easily understood in any language. The sailors have been con-

fined to base and no longer emerge for their twice-weekly visits into town. Only the civilian workers are still bused from the base to attack the local shopping with an air of quiet desperation, knowing that there will be little to buy when they return to the empty shelves of the former Soviet Union.

### **Duke takes** tunnel trip to France

The Duke of Edinburgh will today travel through the Channel tunnel from Dover to France on a works train. The tunnel is to open officially next autumn.

The Paris Opera will broad-

cast Verdi's The Masked Ball on a giant screen at the side of the opera house after being deluged by requests for tickets for Monday's performance starring Luciano Pavarotti.

General Sir Peter de la Billière, Britain's Gulf war commander, is to publish his account of Operation Desert

Donald Trump gave "Mother" Clara Hale an 87th birthday gift of \$30,000 (£17.400) for her Harlem charity caring for babies infected with Aids by their mothers or born addicted to alcohol or drugs.

Singer Billy Idol was fined \$2,000 and ordered by a Californian court to campaign on drugs and alcohol abuse after punching a woman.

Italian conductor Ermanno Florio has been appointment music director of the Houston

Ballet from August.

### WITH President Mugabe of Zimbabwe holidaying in Ireland, his cabinet has defied one of the pillars of his foreign policy by sending a minister to South Africa to nego-

tiate help to extricate the country from a disastrous food shortage. In a clear sign of a lack of confidence in Mr Mugabe's

leadership, Joshua Nkomo, the vice-president, who was constitutionally appointed acting head of state after Mr Mugabe left Harare on Monday, authorised Denis Norman, the transport minister, to go to South Africa to meet Piet Welgemoed, his Pretoria counterpart. Since indepen-dence in 1980, Mr Mugabe has forbidden his ministers to have contact with the South African government and rigorously restricted links to

officials only. A South African government spokesman yesterday confirmed that Mr Norman had met Mr Welgemoed in Cape Town on Wednesday. The meeting is understood to have centred on attempts to break the logiam of maize imports into Zimbabwe to relieve looming famine.

Maize meal, the staple food of Zimbabwe's 11 million people, has been drastically rationed. In urban areas crowds have spent days waiting outside shops for supplies to be delivered. In Nkulumane township in Bulawayo. mobs were reported to have



Nkomo: cabinet backs decision on meeting

smashed shop windows to get at a small stock of meal. In Muzarabani, in the north, villagers were reduced to a diet of silt and the pith of the fruit of the baobab tree, according to Ziana, the national news agency. Mr Mugabe had not been

consulted over Mr Norman's visit, sources said, adding that Mr Nkomo had almost total backing from the cabinet at its Tuesday meeting. The sources said that, for the first time, criticism had been expressed in the cabinet against Mr Mugabe for his handling of the food shortage and his decision to go on holiday while the country appeared to be heading for anarchy. He is scheduled to return in the middle of next week. "It demonstrates the be utilised to provide food for president is deeply out of

touch with what is going on," a senior Western diplomatic

source said. As a result of the worst drought in Zimbabwe's history and the government's dis-missal of warnings last year of an impending food shortage. milling companies are being rationed to a fifth of their normal supplies, leaving both rural and urban areas desperately short of maize meal. Belatedly ordered maize imports have become congested on the rail and road network to Zimbabwe. Half-mile long queues of maize lorries were crawling past the customs post at Beit Bridge on the Limpopo river this week.

Zimbabwean officials even encountered deliberate obstruction from their South African counterparts after Harare last month ordered the withdrawal of an invitation to Kraai van Niekerk, the South African agriculture minister, to attend a meeting in Harare of southern African farming unions, grain industry sources said.

Last weekend Mr Mugabe said: "Those who are rushing now to recognise South Africa after the referendum are being hasty and deceitful." • Windhoek: President Nuiomo of Namibia says his drought-stricken country will soon start killing wildlife to provide food for the people. "All natural resources must

the needy," he said. (AP)

### **Bernard Levin**

Arms and the man: a tragedy on a North Dakota farm gives an insight into the strength that lies in us all

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am not quite sure whether you should be reading this at breakfast; to be on the safe side you might perhaps have a stiff whisky beside your scrambled eggs. It concerns an 18-year-old youth who was working on his family's farm in North Dakota, when he got tangled in the agricultural machinery; he was near some kind of power system. However it happened, the effect was that the rogue machine tore off both his arms just below the shoulders. Drink the whisky.

Having lost his arms, he kept his head. He staggered to the farm-nouse seeking help. Nobody was home and the door was shut. He opened the outer door by bending down, taking the handle in his mouth and turning it: he did the same to the living-room door-handle. Once in the room, he sought and found a pencil; he picked it up in his teeth (not an easy manoeuvre at any time, and positively fraught when the conjuror has no arms), and with it, laboriously tapped out the telephone number of the emergency services. Replenish

your whisky. The ambulancemen came quickly. and the surgeons were ready no less speedily: I have no details of who stumbled across the arms and what he said when he saw them. (Possibly it Well, well. what have we here?") Anyway, the tached to the body. which was presumably pleased to see its lost members

again; no doubt the young man was even more pleased. Then everybody sat back to see what would happen.

What happened was that some six weeks later our hero left hospital; he had been warned that it was not clear whether the arms would eventually work, and in any case there would have to be more surgery. His sang-froid did not leave him; on the steps of the hospital, he made a speech thanking everybody, and concluded with the memorable words "I came here in three pieces and I'm going home in one". He politely refused the use of a wheelchair.

Arma virumque cano. It is no use trying to play the old game: how would we measure in such a situation? The game only works if the supposed events are within credibility, but if the question-master said "Bernard, what would you be thinking while you were chasing round a ploughed field pass, or more likely pass out.

The youth presumably did not himself know how he would behave in such an emerger.cy: at the age of 18 one does not spend much time wondering how one would cope if one's arms went astray. But this is not a study in youthful psychiatry, nor even a lecture on orthopaedic surgery. It is a hymn to the indomitable human spirit, which this boy demonstrated in no uncertain manner.

Of course it helped that he was young. At that age the determination to survive is very powerful indeed: give someone four or five more decades and the life-force is not so easy to conjure up. But youth alone will not solve the gory problem; from what depths of willpower did he summon up such fortitude accompanied by such clear-headed ingenuity? Remember that throughout the experience blood was pouring out of his body. party rapidly, and with every minute that passed his strength must have been waning.

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free or heavily-subsidised limou-

sines, gymnasiums, gift shops,

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tions, haircuts, car-washes, park-

ing, office flowers and masseurs.

Democrats hope to appease public fury at an "imperial Congress" where, it has emerged, hundreds

Going or gone are Capitol Hill's

America's ruling class.

Human beings can do the impossible, if the determination to do it is powerful enough. There is an organisation called the Mouth and Foot Artists, which is precisely what its name says it is: artists who have lost both arms, or were born without them, paint pictures with the brush held in the mouth or between the toes. (Be warned; they are proud. They will not let you give their organisation money except in return for their work.) For that matter, one of my very dearest and closest friends has had laid upon her so many bodily afflictions that Job himself would be ashamed to bemoan his com-

paratively trivial complaints; yet she lights up any com-'Faced with. pany with her faithgrounded laughter. We do not know what qualities we have or lack until we are tested to our limit. But surely that boy must have shown, among his family and friends and fellow-students, some kind of excepindomitable tional character. There is a rather repulsive procedure in American schools and even human spirit'

universities, in which the student body vote one of their number as "Most likely to succeed". Did he receive such an accolade?

"Man, proud man ... most ignorant of what he's most as-Perhaps our young man was better off not knowing what he was capable of. Perhans. indeed, we should all be glad to have no inkling of what lies in us; after all, suppose we could tap the source of knowledge but discover that in a coming test we shall fail, and fail ignominiously. A benevolent providence has drawn the curtains close on hero and coward alike; better so.

Still, we have the testimony of a youth in North Dakota to show us that the impossible can be done. And although we are sure we could never emulate him, he gives us all fresh courage, hope and presence of mind: O brave new world, that has such creatures in't! For what is the essence of his achievement? It qualities, and it is one that I believe is steadily dying out: self-reliance. Yes, we are all members one of another, but there are times, many times, when we have nothing but our own bodies, minds and souls with which to challenge and beat down the demons. This 18year-old, when his moment came. took his mind, his body and his soul into the fiery furnace that is always ready to test us all, and in the assay he was not found wanting. He came out of his day of trial with his mind and soul intact: let us pray that the surgeons' skills will give him back his body,

### Martin Fletcher, in Washington, adds up the perks enjoyed by the president

hen President Bush was hospitalised with a fibril-lating heart last year. The booty of office Tom Foley, House Speaker and briefly experienced the White presidential boxes, with bars and House lifestyle. Instead of cycling sitting rooms in all three Kennedy to his early morning workout, he was whisked there by half-a-dozen

of the \$125,000-a-year members merrily bounced thousands of cheques at their private bank. secret service agents in a three-car All but essential congressional

perks will be eliminated, Mr Foley Mr Foley may have recalled that episode last month, when Presipledged last weekend. But, he added in his deceptively mild manner, "in fairness, we need to look at the executive branch as as a bastion of "perks, privileges, partisanship and paralysis". The Speaker declared war. A puritaniwell". It was a brilliant diversion. If, as one commentator put it, Congress is a Holiday Inn. the cal fervour is now sweeping Washington. "Perk patrols" are rampaging through this most status-conscious of capitals in White House is the Ritz. Before the congressional committees that authorise executive expenditure could even start their investigations, the media were in full cry.

To a sports fanatic like George Bush, the White House wants for nothing. Its 18 manicured acres contain a tennis court, a swim-ming pool, an exercise room, a bowling alley, a horseshoe pit, a basketball court and even a newlyinstalled putting-green with artifi-

In the evenings, there is the White House film theatre, or the

Centre auditoriums. And for weekends, the Camp David retreat in Maryland's Catoctin mountains is only a short helicopter ride away.
Running the White House resi-

dence costs about \$7 million a with a flower bill alone of \$200,000. The non-political staff number nearly 100, including maids, butlers, doormen, florists (five), gardeners, calligraphers, repairmen and chefs, who, inter alia, serve the personal needs of the Bushes. Mr Bush has a \$50,000 allowance for private entertainment.

The president, plus personal steward, travel on a new \$181

million Boeing Jumbo 747 with conference room, operating theatre and 85 telephones. Air Force One costs \$41,000 an hour to run. It is trailed by a back-up 747 and often a military communications plane and cargo plane carrying limousines. A single trip to California can cost \$500,000. In all, 1,360 planes, worth \$2 billion, are available for government use.

The president's aides work incredible hours for modest salaries. but there are compensations. Nine of the most senior have individual chauffeur-driven limousines with leather upholstery and cellular phones (Michael Boskin and Clayton Yeutter, the president's economic and domestic advisers, made these a condition of employment). Others use a pool of 39 chauffeured sedans. They fight to have special secure telephones installed at their homes. Access to the White House mess means mediocre food but insider prestige. Aides can use the presidential theatre boxes and dispense an

аттау of presidential trinkets. Observers say executive perks are far fewer than in Richard Nixon's day - Jimmy Carter sold the presidential yacht Sequoia, for example — but the White House

Zamaria to monitor and distribute them. The costs are negligible in the context of a \$400 billion budget deficit, but during a deep recession, the perks infuriate a public already disgusted with its government.

"Most of the perks in the executive branch should be eliminated," declared former Presiden: Carter. "Oh baloney, that's silly." said Barbara Bush, who called the White House a "tight ship" Jud-Smith, the White House's deputy press secretary, fielded 102 questions on the subject at a daily briefing. A dozen television crews turned up to film the empty chairs of five White House officials who boycetted a congressional hearing. The committee chairman put annual White House travel costs at \$130 million. Judy Smith refused to give the actual figure, but insisted: "This is not a stonewall."
Meanwhile Time magazine has

upbraided Mr Foley, the Speaker When attending a meeting in London last summer, he reportedly had the air force ily over his and his wife's bikes so they could tour the countryside. "Doesn't he know they rent bikes in England?"

### Leaders with the right stuff

Peter Riddell says the politicians who prove their fighting spirit will win the trust of the electorate

hree weeks ago as the election campaign began, Michael Heseltine told me he was looking forward with relish to the fight. The touch paper had been lit and... He did not need to complete the metaphor; ever since then he has been filling the election sky with spectacular starbursts and colours like no other Tory. Hearing him speak in Battersea a few nights ago was a theatrical experience, an act to enjoy and remember. He has lifted the spirits of supporters and made even opponents splutter in admiration at his outrageous-ness. But then Mr Heseltine loves campaigning, unlike many of his

Elections vividly reveal politicians' differing characters. Campaigns are their defining moments, when they are judged by the electorate, when not only are their policies approved or rejected, but their future careers are decided. None can, of course, admit the possibility of defeat; yesterday both John Major and Neil Kinnock each talked as if his party is bound to win an overall majority. As a preparatory insurance for a hung parliament, however, Mr Kinnock was making conciliatory gestures on electoral reform and a consensus parliamentary programme which in practice the Liberal Democrats might find

cabinet colleagues.

Whatever their public statements, politicians vary in their reactions to campaigns. Successful politicians are those who persuade the electorate that they are fighters, who are convinced of their own case and who are determined to win. Some, like Mr Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke. love the battle, and treat reverses as spurs to further effort; others not only dislike all the razzmatazz, but also - like Norman Lamont appear to worry constantly about the outcome. Some, unexpectedly, prove to be energetic campaigners, such as Roy Jenkins in his by-elections at Warrington and

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Hillhead in 1981 and 1982. But not even he would claim to be an election junkie in the way American politicians have to be. Apart from Tony Benn, there are no British equivalents of Jerry Brown, that weird phenomenon of the current presidential campaign, about whom the wily Lloyd Bentsen remarked "If he is the answer, it

must be a very peculiar question."

Some politicians are relieved when it is all over. Though at home in Westminster or Whitehall, many ministers have looked ill at ease campaigning. They have an English sense of embarrassment when forcing themselves on voters — like Keith Joseph, who always seemed half apologetic vhen canvassing.

This campaign has not been William Waldegrave's finest hour. He has sounded defensive even when he has a reasonable case to argue. Similarly, Mr Lamont is not one of life's natural campaigners. Dealt a dreadful hand by his predecessors and by external events, and having little choice but to do what he has done, he has been temperamentally unable to bluff his way out, as Mr Heseltine too much of a pessimist.

Faces tell a lot. Chris Patten, more a political fighter than his critics reckon, has a revealing face. Last October, he could hardly hide his anxiety and distaste when Margaret Thatcher appeared on the party conference platform and threatened to speak. Now his face shows gloom or delight depending on how the Tories are doing in the polls. The mood in Tory Central Office has fluctuated each evening in line with the latest report. By contrast, nothing ever disturbs the certainty of Mr Heseltine or Mr Clarke. Whatever they feel about the polls, they do not show it.



It is partly a matter of experience. Many leading Tories, as well as their young staffs, have never known defeat. They have risen only while the Tories have been in government, not during the frustrating years in opposition. They are more anxious about losingoffice, less stoical about the swings of public mood which may mean a spell in opposition. Apart from Douglas Hurd, and in the back-ground John Wakeham, there are few worldly-wise figures such as Willie Whitelaw, who was this week in Scotland "stirring up apathy" by combining campaigning with visits to golf clubs.

Although often thin-skinned about criticism, John Major has proved a fighter. Having personal experience of setbacks, he has reacted to campaign reverses by counter-attacking. Clearly he loves speaking from his soapbox, which should be preserved somewhere

though as it arrived late in the campaign it may have confused, rather than clarified. his public image.

Most leading Lab our politicians were battle hardened b. the defeats of the 1980s. Roy Hattersley and John Smith have been through too many battles to be knocked off course now. No reporter has been able to pin anything on Mr Smith. Asked yesterday about the upward pressure squashed the question with well-prepared hekum about rates being lower during Labour than Tory govern-ments. When he says "with great respect". you know that his skills as a Scottish advocate will be used

to dodge the point. Mr Kinnock has not wavered in public. Ever since becoming leader, he has argued that everything must be subordinated to winning power. Aithough prone to occasional bouts of Celtic depression in the past 8 2 years, he has applied iron self-discipline during the campaign. showing the pressure only in rare testy reof triumphalism in his Sheffield speech on Wednesday. Yester-day. like a rugby coach, he gave his the orders: "We stay

colleagues the orders: tight, and keep pushing, knowing that it is the side going forward that gets the ball in the case of a scrum.

But Mr Kinnock knows that the next six days are his last chance. Labour's public resilience is dependent on the expectation of victory, or least on denying the Tories an overall majority as a first step to office. Anything else would be a shattering defeat.



### ...and moreover

esterday. I stepped out of Colban's Decor Centre into Willesden Lane carrying a pot of paint. It was the wrong paint. Do not weep for me, I knew it was the wrong paint. I knew that

because it is always the wrong paint. There is no way of getting the right paint any more, no that paint technology has advanced to the point where there because paint retailers can manufacture any colour you want simply by dropping a blob of this into a bucket of that. Since you want the colour you had last time, this would be a great system if (a) you knew what colour you had last time. and (b) the sun didn't shine. As, however, the sun has shone for five years on the colour you had last time, it is now no longer the colour you had last time, whatever that was. All you can do is chip off a flake of the colour it has now become, hold it against Colban's chart, and when you have a match, go to the expert at the counter and say I want this one but a mite deeper to account for fading, and the expert looks at you for a bit, the way experts do. You then walk out with the wrong paint.

Forgive me. the world does not want my opinion on the national paint situation, it wants my opinion on the national political situation, and I want to give it. but no one will take it, and the national paint situation is almost as close as I can get. Exactly as close as I can get is the national shampoo

situation, but we shall come to that in a bit. For I am in an opinionative mood. We all are. I want to tell people with clipboards which

way I am going to vote, because that is the best way there is of affecting the vote, it is even better than voting itself, but nobody with a clipboard is asking me. I do not understand how this can be, since over the past few weeks there have been God knows how many polls, I am not God but even I have managed to tot up 28, and since most of them have had a catchment of around 2.000, this means some 60,000 people have been approached, and God is probably in a position to tell you that the figure is nearer 100,000. In short, maybe 3 per cent of the electorate has shot its mouth off so far, but not only have I not been polled myself, I do not know anyone who has been. Yet here is this large chunk of electorate who have already had their say, and a say, moreover, which has had a significant bearing on the campaigns, and thus on our own say, come April 9. This is all wrong clearly, there should be polling stations where every one of us can pop in every day to say how we are now intending to vote. Democracy

demands it. But it is not getting it, and as a result a raging desire to be polled has welled up in me. I lust for a clipboard. I walk the streets. peering this way and that, but nobody asks me anything. The odds against this are incalculable. I must have passed thousands of people since the present nonsense began, and none of them has had a clipboard.

Until yesterday. Yesterday, I came out of Colban's carrying this pot of wrong paint, and there, on the corner of Willesden Lane and Kilburn High Road, stood a woman with a clipboard. I galloped (genuinely; I do not make cheap puns), lest someone reach her first, she turned, I smiled, and she asked whether I was happy with my present

Look at my photograph. Could either of us be less like the person the other needed? I wanted to tell her that I had been using the same shampoo for 13 years, but the promises on the label had turned out to be a pack of lies. I did not have healthy shining hair, my head was getting worse off every day, it was now suffering a major recession, with no sign of a recovery, and don't tell me the rest of Europe is balding faster than I am, what do I care about that, and as to this new shampoo you're representing what guarantee is there it will do any better, it has had no experience whatever, its claims will turn out to be just another load of old tosh. I might as well buy a bottle of Monster Raving Loony Sham-poo. it's probably as good as anything else, and while we're at

it, how is it that ... But I didn't. I just took off my hat, and we had a bit of a laugh, and I went home to paint the ceiling the wrong colour. My wife quite likes it, mind, but that's only her opinion.

### Back from beyond

IAN MAXWELL may soon be out of the lawyers' clutches and back in business. After several months surviving on an allowance from the administrators. Maxwell has re-employed Anne Walton, his former executive assistant, to help him rebuild his shattered business career. Friends say he is considering a new life in the United States as a financial consultant and that Walton is prepared to go with him

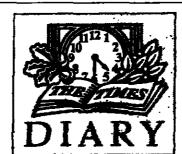
and his family.

Maxwell's legal advisers say there is nothing to prevent him leaving the country tomorrow. He still has his passport, and need not seek the permission of a court before travelling abroad.

Walton left her post as secretary to the editor of The European this week, and resumes her role at Maxwell's right hand on Monday. As he has no business premises. she will work from his Mayfair home. Since Robert Maxwell's death, Walton has remained loyal to Ian, having worked with him for several years, after being poached from a legal firm. Some friends have advised against going back to Maxwell.

Walton, who was always popular with her colleagues. was devastated by the collapse of the empire, and was reduced to tears in public on several occasions. Stall at The European are holding a farewell party for her tonight. It is not clear where Maxwell is

finding the cash to employ staff. but former colleagues believe the wealthy Chicago based-family of Ian's wife, Laura, is behind the efforts at a new life. Bitter at the way the tabloid press have treated them, Laura has been saying privately since the business crashed that she and I an planned to leave Britain "at the first opportunity".



• The Times' story about the break-up of Belgium — dated April I — certainly convinced foreign office minister Tristan Garel-Jones. That night he was appearing in a Channel Four discussion on the future of Europe with Labour's George Robertson. As they chatted in the hospitality room before going on air. Garel-Jones said he planned to discuss the "important" story. which had repercussions for the whole of Europe. "Stupidly or generously I suggested he looked at the date," says Robertson. "He still did not believe me, and read it again. Finally the penny dropped. He uttered something your paper would find quite un-printable."

### Where's the pole?

AS Labour wrapped itself in as many flags as party managers could find - from the cross of St George to the stars of the EC only the red flag was absent from Neil Kinnock's triumphalist extra-vaganza in Sheffield on Wednesday night. The Conservative party. which has tended to regard the union flag virtually as its private property, has been badly shaken by Labour's use of such potent patriotic symbols.

"It looked as if it was the wrong way up. which is particularly unfortunate because that is the maritime signal for distress. We've had many calls pointing out this mistake," said a Tory Central Office

However, it is the Conseratives

who turn out to be wrong: Labour had the broad white band of the cross of St Andrew correctly positioned above the red cross of St Patrick on the left hand side of the flag. But Labour did make one error as it put out more flags than a village hall fete. "The Weish dragon always faces left," says a Welsh Office spokeswoman. A glance at Encyclopaedia Britan-nica and a call to Debrett's confirms this, but Labour's dragon

### SWP v SPQR

WHAT capitalist crime had delegates to the International Conference on Roman Baths committed to deserve the noisy attentions of the Socialist Workers party? Arriving for a civic reception as guests of the mayor of Bath, where the conference is taking place this



week, the classicists were astonished to find themselves the target of a Trotskyite picket-line. What could it all be about? Per-

haps Nero been posthumously declared a Trotskyite hero and the Socialist Workers were protesting at the bad press the scholars give him? Or could it be a belated protest against the imperialism of the Punic wars? Neither. The protestors had got their classicists and Conservatives mixed up. They thought they were protesting at a Michael Heseltine rally, due to be held in the Pump Room later that evening.

• Jan Morris is setting a new fashion for strange hideaways in Wales. The author's forthcoming book, Sydney, claims that she divides her time between her library house in North Wales and a "daoha" in the Black Mountains of South Wales. "Everybody's going to start having them. Oh, I've got a daoha in Wales' they'll say. Actually I meant to write 'dacha', because it's a little wooden hut on the side of a mountain." But doesn't she fear trouble with the Welsh Nationalists. "No," she says, "it must be the only second home in Wales that belongs to somebody who lives in Wales."

### Corgi toy

THE QUEEN clearly has a keen eye for a well bred corgi, and the attempt to reproduce one of her lavourite pets at the "Sovereign exhibition, which she toured last night, left her distinctly unimpressed. "It is not like any of mine. not from the royal stable," she said as she encountered a model of one of her dogs, fitted with a device to make it appear to be breathing in

Bernard Weatherill, retiring Speaker of the House of Commons was unable to perform the opening ceremony properly: someone had forgotten to provide the tape for him to cut.

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Irrespective of the prospect of a hung parliament, constitutional reform is firmly on the political agenda. Yesterday Charter 88 hosted 120 "Democracy Day" public meetings all over the country and published a poll showing that 68 per cent of the electorate believe Britain's system of government is not working properly. The three parties responded to type: Labour promised an elected House of Lords, a Freedom of Information Act, a charter of rights and new curbs on government appointments; John Major said he refused to countenance proportional representation; the Liberal Democrats talked of little else.

The pity is that PR has become so confused with other reforms. If changes to the voting system could be uncoupled from change to other aspects of the British constitution, there might be more chance of consensus on the latter. Margaret Thatcher's 11 years in power tested a number of constitutional conventions close to if not beyond destruction. These included relations between local and central government, hereditary and other honours. Treasury control of public bodies, quango patronage and official secrecy. Her demise was a vindication of Voltaire's maxim that the best system of government is "benevolent tyranny tempered by occasional assassination."

Traditionalists, proud of Britain's ability to sustain a democracy without written constitutional rules, used to argue that a five-yearly test of the electorate was enough to hold the executive to account. Today few voters appear ready to accept that nothing in this respect needs changing. Elective dictatorship is not just an academic cliche, it is an all-toomanifest aspect of Tory centralisation. The Conservatives may have extended consumer choice in certain privatised industries, but they have drastically reduced the pluralism and diversity of the still-large public sector. To examine this trend, and re-examine the checks and balances supposedly encapsulated in the variegated British constitution, can hardly be regarded as recklessly revolutionary. Quite why John Major and his colleagues are so averse to this is puzzling.

Critics of constitutional reform point out that British parliamentary sovereignty means that no constitutional safeguard can ever be entrenched. If Britain were to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into its domestic law, a government with a parliamentary majority could in theory always repeal it. Incorporation would not be waterlight, but at least might be water-resistant. Only the most determined government, prepared to defy opinion in its own party, would dare to reverse it. What allowed Mrs Thatcher to defy constitutional convention so easily, for instance with regard to local democracy, was the lack of any articulation of the case against her doing so from within her own ranks.

The best guard against excessive accretion power to Whitehall is the promotion of alternative sources of power vested with a measure of democratic legitimacy. Combined with a Freedom of Information Act, that would be a powerful discouragement for an executive to behave badly. One such alternative might be a House of Lords with a high proportion of members elected on some franchise distinct from the existing parliamentary one or appointed other than from the ranks of former MPs. Another might be devolution to national and/or regional assemblies. The best evidence of democracy at work in Britain would be, say, a Conservative government in the United Kingdom co-habiting with a Labour-dominated Welsh or Scottish assembly, or with reinvigorated provincial cities enjoying some of the powers of such corporations on the Continent. Thus would pluralism thrive.

The democratic credentials of the British constitution have been leap-frogged by many other countries. After whatever party wins the election, it would be a good moment to reconsider them. All parties should undertake to accept the recommendations of a post-election royal commission. That should keep the Liberal Democrats quiet.

### PLUS ÇA CHANGE

The prolonged shufflings through the Elysée prior to President Mitterrand's naming of a new prime minister vesterday have further irritated French voters. Neither the process nor the outcome is surprising. The haggling reflected the dilemma facing the Socialist party, after two resounding defeats in regional elections. The logical response to such a vote of no confidence would have been to find a new leader to restore that confidence before parliamentary elections. next spring. But the undisputed leader of the Socialists is not Edith Cresson, the prime minister M Mitterrand has shed after ten. months, nor her replacement Pierre Beregovov, dui ine diesideni niinseii

The logic of last month's collapse in the Socialist vote was M Mitterrand's resignation, three years before his second seven-year term expires. Recent polls show that 62 per cent think he should have gone, nearly as many as called for Mme Cresson's departure. In a presidential election, both the party's likely candidates, former prime minister, Michel Rocard, or the European president, Jacques Delors, would stand a chance of defeating the old warhorses of mainstream conservatism, Jacques Chirac and Valery Giscard d'Estaing. New Socialist blood in the Elysee would have given the party a much-needed lift in the parliamentary campaign.

M Mitterrand's vacillations this week have suggested not so much the legendary great manipulator as the stumblings of a spent man. He seems to have given not a moment's thought to accepting blame and offering himself as a scapegoat. All else is plastic surgery, a technique in which, as befits a veteran of the opportunistic coalitions of the Fourth Republic, he is a practised master.

To have retained Mme Cresson, his "little soldier" who fought hard to stay, would have been too outright an expression of contempt for the electorate. M Bérégovoy, sound as finance minister, will at least give the Socialists ballast in rough seas ahead. But he is hardly a new broom. With this change, M Mitterrand has effectively ruled out the seductive option of calling M Delors to the colours in January, when his term at the EC expires, in order to exploit his honeymoon as prime minister to avert humiliating defeat in; the national parliamentary elections.

This old-for-new team must now attempt to recoup some respectability. What is required is not so much new policies as a stable-deaning. Unemployment is hurting, but M Bérégovoy's unsocialist monetarism has tarned inflation and set the country on a Most voters understand that no government would have much domestic leeway in an economy even more closely tied than Britain's to German fortunes.

The new government needs to cure the impression of confusion and impotence in handling social conflicts connected with immigration and the disaffection and violence in France's no-hope city suburbs. But any turnaround there will take time. What most disgusts French voters is government by cronyism and the corrupt stuffing of all the main parties' coffers. Les affairs ranked far ahead of unemployment or even immigration among those - half of all who voted — who picked fringe parties in the regional elections last month. M Bérégovoy needs to rid his cabinet of the old party "elephants" linked with such scandals.

Nothing that he can do, however, seems likely to restore the prestige of M Mitterrand himself. Out of touch abroad, master only of the crafts of personal survival at home, he has become the prime source of the neurasthenia for which he rebukes his countrymen. Doomed to three more years of political recession, France will be a tetchy member of the European Community just when the EC most needs imaginative leadership.

### **SUNNY SIDE UP**

An Englishman's home is his castle, but for a tenner or a little more, he will lower the drawbridge, conduct you into his front room. regale you far into the night with his life's history, and revive you with double egg and bacon in the morning. Bed and breakfast is as traditional as the fry-up it serves. It has spawned its literature: Paul Theroux's The Kingdom by the Sea was based on his conversations with seaside landpersons with whom he stayed at (then) E5 a night on his perambulations. It deserves a social history on the lines of the magnificent new tribute to that other Great British Tradition Fish and Chips and the British Working Class 1870-1940, by Dr John Walton. In the meantime. the Consumers' Association's Good Bed and Breakfast Guide, published yesterday, has to

be sufficient hymn to its praise. Tradition, of course, survives in living form only if it adapts to change. The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide concentrates on one particular adaptation of the bed-and-breakfast tradition: the move up-market. There are now, it reports, bed and breakfasts with ensuite bathrooms, four-poster beds, expensive fabrics and wallpapers, home-made bread. phones, even faxes, all for £25 a night. This is a good bed-and-breakfast guide, so it does not include another adaptation of the form into the means by which the faded aristocracy seeks to avoid the fate of Micawber. In lading piles, scions of the ermine beguile visiting foreigners with the promise of intimacy and the practice of cold rooms, warm drinks,

rubber chicken and inflated bills. That option is not open to everyone. It requires an owner with a title, a historic pile. and a good agent across the Atlantic. But in

John Major's Britain, opportunity is not confined to the upper classes. For many, the phrase "bed and breakfast", as applied to 1992 Britain, summons up a contrasting image. Bed and breakfast is where local authorities send homeless families, for whom, having sold off their stock of council houses, they can no longer provide accommodation. Breakfast here may be vestigial, and bed shared with more people than comfort and hygiene make desirable. But the alternative for the guests is the streets. Social purpose, of a kind, is again being served by the pursuit of profit

Both this and the new aristocratic form of bed and breakfast survive, alongside the old form. Blackpool enjoys a revived prosperity since the opening of Pleasure Beach offering a surrogate year-round sun. Its boarding houses flourish. Cornish villages are draped still with B&B signs; widows up and down the country still welcome paying guests.

The resurgence of bed and breakfast is happening when hotels are suffering. Recession is hurting the posh country house hotels of the mid 80s. Businesses and businessmen increasingly resent the prices charged for plastic accommodation and plastic smiles by the big hotel chains. Bed and breakfast flourishes by the same method as has long made the prices at French country hotels so reasonable: by using family labour rather than outside labour to keep down costs. In bed and breakfast, even the virtues of Mrs Thatcher's market economy and Mr Major's classless society are met together. Bed and breakfast has saved its bacon by means of micro-economic enterprise; recovery, when it comes, will egg its pudding.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Election 92: urban decay, role of the Church, party leaders' personal faith The consequent waste of resources addressing not only the religious, but

also the social and economic needs

experienced by society. Nowhere more urgently requires attention

Mr Heseltine, in a TV broadcast

yesterday, dismissed the letter from

the Archdeacon of Southwark by

insisting that the Church should "stay out of politics". This reveals an

ignorance concerning the social mis-

sion of the Church and is a denial of

the role that religion must play if

If the Church was to "stay out of

politics" by saying nothing about the

pressing social needs of the inner cities, it would not only be renounc-ing its responsibilities to the world.

but failing to fulfil a fundamental aspect of Christian teaching.

Sir, The Archdeacon of Southwark

and others, in writing to you about their "deep conviction" about the

'bankrupt social vision" of the past

decade, should not imagine that they

occupy the moral high ground. It is

certainly possible to argue the con-

Over many years the Church has

failed to analyse moral and economic

issues other than in very simplistic

terms. Thus, for example, the moral position and the responsibilities of

an individual are complex, and to

suggest that the last ten years have

seen only "destructive individ-

ualism" is to ignore all but one aspect

of this complexity.

On economic questions, the commitment of the Church to the

idea of "shared humanity" has led to

a resistance to change, if the change

entailed even temporary unhappi-

ness and financial pressure: the

position of the various parties on the

miners' strike was an example of this.

not only that they believe that there

are more important things than

economic success — which of course there are — but that they will give

preference to other values on every

possible occasion where a difficult

choice has to be made. As a result the

pursuit of profitability — that is, the efficient use of capital and other

resources - is regarded with sus-

Overall, your correspondents show

urban decay is to be reversed.

Yours sincerely

26 The Grove,

April 1.

NICHOLAS ANGEL

Radlett, Hertfordshire.

From Mr David Damans

than the inner cities.

From the Reverend E. M. T.

Sir, One wonders where the Archdeacon of Southwark and the others, whose letter on urban decay (March 31) contains such a tale of unmitigated gloom and despair, have been

I notice that they all come from "south of Watford": certainly they have not seen the situation here in the North-East where, in and around our UPA (urban priority area) parishes, I experience daily new building and improvements to older stock in housing, education, in the National Health Service, in local authority premises, libraries, parks, new roads, bypasses, massive tree and shrub planting, new office blocks and superb new architectural plant on our English Trading Estates, as at Team Valley in Gates-

head. And this is not to mention scores of pit heaps landscaped, with the huge Metro-Centre shopping complex burgeoning on an area of land which a short time ago was a vast tip of coal.

slack. Services are not crumbling, as the archdeacon would have us believe. Constantly members of my congregation are - literally - thanking God for new hips, mended bones, home helps, heart bypass operations sooner than expected, attendance and mobility allowances freely provided, choice in education for their children, loving care in old people's homes — the list is never-ending, and I mention only those items which have come my way in the last few

It just isn't true, nor good enough. for the archdeacon to suggest that "grave social injustice continues to mar our country". Come north, young man! I'll show you an area transformed, flourishing and in good heart, increasingly so as a direct result of government policies, over the last decade.

Yours faithfully, E. M. T. UNDERHILL. St George's Vicarage. 327 Durham Road, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr Nicholas Angel

Overseas aid

Development

effect.

Sir. The Church is lodged in the world: unless its representatives are to devote their lives to trying to transcend it, and unless they are to ignore Christ's teaching concerning the poor, they are committed to

From the Minister for Overseas

of the international agenda.

First, good government. We

pledge in our manifesto that we will

use overseas aid to promote good

government, sensible economic poli-

cies, the rooting out of corruption,

and, crucially, respect for human

rights and the rule of law. That is

vital if we are to use our aid to best

Second, trade. This is crucial to

developing countries because trade

brings in around three times as

much foreign exchange as aid. The prime minister has made success in

the Uruguay Round of Gatt a top

priority. The richer countries must

open their markets to the developing

Third, debt reduction. We are

pressing creditor countries to accept

the prime minister's proposal - the

"Trinidad terms" — for a two-thirds reduction in the official debt of the

poorest countries. In all these areas,

John Major has taken an inter-national lead.

We accept the UN target of 0.7 per cent of GNP. Ann Clywd's pledge (letter, March 25) to meet it in the lifetime of a parliament will cut no

ice until John Smith owns up to it -

and our costings of Labour's pledges.

Since Labour's tax plans would

destroy the prospects of economic recovery, this pledge is, in any case,

Finally, we will continue the ener-

getic and effective foreign policy which John Major and Douglas

Throughout that election campaign,

opinion poll findings were widely

cited as authority for predicting that

the Liberal Democrats would suffer a

When the votes were counted, the

result was a net gain of over 500

seats, and they emerged as the

controlling or largest party on 20

up with politicians. Perhaps their

real aversion is to pollsters and

It is often said that people are fed

net loss of over 500 seats.

Yours faithfully

JOHN R. BAKER,

The Hyde, Druid Road,

Hurd have made their hallmark.

Yours faithfully,

LYNDA CHALKER,

c/o 46 Seaview Road.

Wallasey, Merseyside.

Child dental health

From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health (Lords) Sir, Your correspondents from the Sir, Your leading article on dentistry leading aid agencies (letter, March (March 25) was absolutely right in 20) are right to sharpen the profile of saying that overall, there has been a aid as an election issue. The Conservast improvement in the state of the vative party will stand on our record nation's teeth and particularly in children's teeth. - and our plan of action. We are placing three critical issues at the top

Your correspondent Professor Winter (March 30) pointed out that the introduction of the capitation system for children had highlighted the areas where needs are greatest. Without this new system we had no means of knowing where we most need to target renewed efforts to improve service. Now we do.

We certainly are not complacent about the fact that at the end of the first year of the new system 58 per cent of children are now registered with their own dentist. But I would like to clarify the fact that as well as the capitation fees, payments can also be made to the dentist by the Department of Health towards the cost of initial treatment when a child

Austrian economics

From Professor Mario J. Rizzo Sir. It is a grievous mistake to say, as you did in your obituary and edi-torial for Friedrich von Hayek (March 25), that he was the last member of the Austrian school of economists. There has been a modest academic revival, going on for al-most two decades, of Austrian economics in the United States, Britain and Western Europe.

At New York University we have had a program in Austrian economics since 1975, headed by Professor Israel M. Kirzner, who was a student of Hayek's "teacher", the Austrian Ludwig von Mises.

Sincerely yours, MARIO J. RIZZO, New York University, Department of Economics, 269 Mercer Street, 7th Floor. New York, NY 10003.

Interpreting polls Consumer complaints From Mr John R. Baker From Mr M. J. Brown

Sir, Sir Claus Moser's complaint that Sir, Your report (March 30) about "it is hard to make much sense of the complaints by customers against utilities is misleading as far as the polis" (letter, March 23) can be reinforced by reference to last May's regional electricity companies local government election results. (RECs) are concerned.

First, the table with the report purported to show customers' complaints against the RECs rising by 45 per cent from 10,567 in 1990 to 15,264 in 1991. But, as the 1991 annual report of the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer) makes clear, the total figure for 1990 covers only nine months of the year and should be adjusted proportionately to 14,090 before making compari-

sons with 1991. The increase on the adjusted basis was & per cent. As roughly two thirds of complaints to Offer are billing queries, that might be considered a lower increase than could have been expected during an economic recession.

Secondly, both the report and the

damentally the lack of insight into the nature of social activity shows a morality of no great depth. In the very short term, an approach such as recommended by your correspondents may help the inner cities. Over time, it will make this and other problems worse, as it has already

is itself immoral; but more fun-

Yours faithfully, DAVID DAMANT, Agar House, 12 Agar Street, WC2.

From Mr Tim Montgomerie Sir. The letter from the Archdeacon of Southwark and others displayed a misunderstanding of the nature of Conservative policy and thought. Conservatives also oppose "destruc-tive individualism" but believe that it can only be tempered by peer,

community and familial pressures. The state has a role, but church leaders too often make the statist mistake of assuming that the only collective which individuals belong to is democratically-elected government. Much more real to people are the natural "small platoons" so loved by Edmund Burke.

In the 1980s Conservatism tried to restate the importance of these vital structures that lie between the individual and government. Empowering parents in education, extending home ownership and reductions in inheritance tax are examples of relevant policy areas.

Yours faithfully, TIM MONTGOMERIE (Chairman, Conservative Christian Fellowship), 46 Baker Street, Exeter, Devon.

From the Right Reverend Maurice Wood

Sir, Sir Richard Storey's letter (April 1) encourages me to ask questions which would affect the Church of England, directly and tangentially, if Labour should win the general election. Mr Major and Mr Hurd make no secret of their Christian standpoint, but I do not believe that Mr Kinnock or Mr Kaufman take such a stance.

What will happen to the Crown appointment of bishops, let alone deans? After ten active years, before retirement, on the bishops' bench in the House of Lords, I recognise its influence in the country at large. Will

treatment such as orthodontics.

On the question of charges, it

bears repeating that 40 per cent of

the population are totally exempt or

entitled to help on low income

grounds. The proportional charge,

currently at 75 per cent of the fees up

to a £225 maximum, contribute

some 30 per cent towards the total

cost of NHS dentistry. This is money

paid by people who can afford to and

making it possible to maximise ser-vices for those who cannot afford it.

dents who say that the preventative

approach is the best way forward

and the new dental contract which we introduced last year was clearly

aimed at that. We intend to improve

it and make it more workable. This is

the subject of ongoing discussions

with representatives of the dental

profession.

HOOPER.

on-line.

Yours faithfully

KEITH BURGESS

(Managing Partner), Andersen Consulting

promised standard.

2 Arundel Street, WC2.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Health,

Computer projects

Sir. Elizabeth Symons fletter, March

27) says the Inland Revenue comput-

erisation project is the largest in Western Europe. That particular

crown belongs to a sister government department — Social Security.

The major computerisation project there, the DSS Operational Strategy

covering income support, unemploy-

ment benefit and pensions over the

prizes for size and complexity -

involving as it does some 70 linked

mainframes, five major computer

centres, and over 40,000 terminals

seriousness of the complaints involved.

Only a small minority of the com-plaints received by Offer can be described as serious in the sense of

concerning, for example, unreason-

able delay, discourtesy, avoidable in-

convenience, wilful neglect, or a

delivery of advice or service below the

Finally, the report ignores the sheer

number of customer transactions

involved. London Electricity, for example, in 1991 had around 30

million customer contracts. In the

same period there were 1,549 com-

plaints to Offer about our service, a

Letters to the editor should carry a

davtime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -

(071) 782 5046.

grievance rate of 0.005 per cent.

(Director of Customer Services),

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BROWN

London Electricity plc,

81-87 High Holborn, WC1.

Templar House.

whole of the country, must take all

From Mr Keith Burgess

Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, SW1.

I fully support your correspon-

Mr Kinnock value this, or diminish it? Most independent schools have a Christian basis and hold charitable status. What is their future, let alone children from hundreds of our church schools, applying for assisted Sir Richard's letter argues power-

fully for asking if a candidate takes a Christian stance, if it is directly relevant to the story". Before the nation decides which party to support (thankfully they all contain many fine Christian candidates), the Church of England and all the churches should ask Mr Kinnock whether he takes an open Christian stance, or not. His potential patronage would be immense, if he should ever become prime minister.

Yours faithfully, †MAURICE WOOD, St Mark's House, Englefield, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr Tony Clare

Sir, The Archdeacon of Southwark and his co-signatories should not be too depressed about our social vision. On April 9 I shall happily cast my vote in support of a Christian community which requires me to contribute more than 25 per cent of my income to the poor, the sick, the homeless, the old, the hungry, the disabled, those who are destitute, the unemployed and otherwise deprived and for the education of all children in priority to the needs of my own

So will everyone else who votes for any one of the major parties, since these items account for over 60 per cent of all our taxes.

Since this is two and a half times more than the tithe traditionally expected from the most virtuous, it should be reassuring for the Bishop of Oxford ("Can a Christian vote Tory?", March 31) to know that we shall also all be voting for a capitalist system which is so substantially committed to serving those most in

Yours etc.. TONY CLARE, Chetwode, Buckinghamshire. From Mr Ray Wilkinson Sir, Alternatively, can Christians be

bishops? Yours faithfully, RAY WILKINSON, 6 Kinber Close,

Upper Weston, Bath, Avon.

### is registered and for more expensive Origin of radar From Mr Brian Johnson

Sir. One of the most important broadcasts made from the BBC transmitting station at Daventr whose closure you report (March 30). was one which no one heard.

It was on February 26, 1935, that Robert Wasson-Watt, then director of the National Physical Laboratory's radio research station at Slough, borrowed a BBC "Empire" short-wave transmitter to prove the theory that the wings of a metal aircraft would reflect a significant radio signal to a ground station.

A lumbering RAF bomber, a Handley Page Heyford, flew from Farnborough and set course for Daventry via a field near Weedon where Watson-Watt, his assistant Arnold Wilkins and A. P. Rowe from the air ministry were waiting in the NPL's "travelling laboratory" (a

The BBC had agreed to radiate an unmodulated signal on 49 metres and as the bomber appeared, an oscilloscope in the van duly reacted to the reflected signal, tracking the aircraft for some eight miles.

The result of the experiment was the construction of the code-named "Chain Home" radar network which contributed to the defeat of the Luftwaffe in the summer of 1940.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN JOHNSON. 10 California Lane, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

**Bess or Bard?** 

From Mr B. G. D. Salt

Sir, Your third leader (March 31) states that the Droeshout portrait of Shakespeare in the First Folio of the plays was published in the year of Shakespeare's death. Shakespeare died in 1616 and the First Folio, for which the portrait was commissioned, was not published until

If indeed Queen Elizabeth I had any hand in the writing of the plays, this could not apply to any that were written after her death in 1603. The chronology of the plays is somewhat doubtful, but it seems likely that those written after 1603 included Othello. King Lear. Macbeth and The Tempest.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN G. D. SALT, Sunny Nook, Maine Avenue, Port Erin, Isle of Man.

From Mr Terence Feely Sir. It's obvious, isn't it? Elizabeth [ wasn't Shakespeare, Shakespeare was Elizabeth I. Barry Humphries could have done it. Yours etc.,

TERENCE FEELY, Garrick Club, WC2.

From Mr G. C. J. Kiang Sir, ... but can we be sure that Queen Elizabeth I was not really some playwright in drag? Yours faithfully, GRAHAM KIANG 24 Coombe Wood Hill,

Menai Bridge, Gwynedd. Business letters, page 25 table made much of the alleged



### COURT CIRCULAR

Sir Robert Fellows, Sir Geoffrey de Beliaigue and Lieutenant Colo-nel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Children in Cities Royal Finale Reception at

the Merchant Taylors Hall, Threadneedle Street, London

EC2, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Brian

Her Royal Highness afterwards attended a Dinner with His Excellency the Ambassador of Finland (Mr Lief Blomqvist) at 14

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

April 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this

morning at a Reception given by the Battle of Britain Memorial

Fund at the Savoy Hotel.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover and
Sir Martin Gilliat were in

April 2: The Prince of Wales. Duke of Cornwall, today received

the Secretary of the Duchy (Mr David Landale) at Kensington

Palace His Royal Highness, Trustee.

National Gallery, attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees

National Gallery, London

KENSINGTON PALACE

Kensington Palace London W8.

CLARENCE HOUSE

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 2: Mr James Glaze, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Addis was received by The Mrs Glaze was also received by

Her Majesty.

Mr Christopher Long was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Cairo.

Mrs Long was also received by

Her Maies Her Majesty.

General Sir Edward Burgess
(National President of the Royal British Legion) was received by

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the 'Sovereign' Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 today. Having been received by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (the Lord Armstrong of Ilminster) and the Director (Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the Exhibition accompanied by the Viscoun Norwich (Curator) and Ma Jocelyn Stevens (Rector, Royal College of Art).

The Duke of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Miss Zara Phillips, Mr Peter Phillips, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent were also

BIRTHS: Henry IV, reigned 1399-1413. Bolingbroke, Linc-

1399-1413, Bolingbroke, Lincolnshire, 1367; George Herbert, poet, Montgomery Castle, Wales,

1593; Washington Irving, essay-ist, New York, 1783; James

Herizog, general, prime minister of South Africa 1924-39, founder

of the Nationalist Party, Wellington, Cape Colony, 1866; Leslie

Howard, film actor, London,

DEATHS: Bartolemė Murillo.

painter, Seville, 1682; John

Berkenhout, physician and naturalist, Besselsleigh, Oxon, 1791;

Reginald Heber, bishop, hymn writer, Trichinopoly, India, 1826;

Christopher North, pseudonym of John Wilson, writer and philos-opher, Edinburgh, 1854; Jesse James, outlaw, shot dead, St

Joseph, Missouri, 1882; Johan-

nes Brahms, coraposer, Vienna

1897; Richard D'Oyly Carte, promoter of Gilbert and Sullivan

operas, London, 1901; Kurt Weill, composer, New York,

Mr Eric James Sparks, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £693,777 net. He left

much of his estate to local char-

Latest wills

Mrs John Dugdale, the Rt Hon

Anniversaries

### Luncheons

Institute of Energy Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, was the prin-cipal guest and speaker at the annual luncheon of the Institute of Energy held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Mr Robert Evans, president, was in the chair. German Chamber of Industry

and Commerce Sir Graham Day, Chairman of British Aerospace, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in London yesterday at the Langham Hilton, Portland Place. Sir Oliver Wright, president, presided. The German Ambassador and Sir Robert Scholey were among those present.

### Lecture Royal Society

Mr Roger Appeldorn delivered a lecture to the Royal Society yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Robert Honeycombe. treasurer and vice-president, was

### University news

Home, Worthing, but put aside Mr H. W. B. Davies, an assistant £1,100 to pay for a summer evening outing in the Bluebell secretary at the Department of Education and Science, has been line's restaurant train for the appointed University Secretary and Registrar, from October 1. workforce of the Bluebell Railway



William Wolton and Cosima Mornak, from Soho parish school, get to grips with a papier-mache giant's head at the Design Council in London to launch a new exhibition. The wolf-proof house: using stories as contexts for design and technology, which runs until October 4. Projects on display have been chosen from primary schools in England and Wales

### Dinners

night at Plaisterers' Hail. Mr Tylers' and Bricklayers' Hugh Allen, president, was in the chair. Sir Eric Ash, Rector of The Lord Mayor and Lady May-Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, and Professor Noel Warner, president-elect of the institution, also spoke. oress were represented by Alder-men Sir David and Lady Rowe-Ham, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, at a dinner given by the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company last night at Carpenters' Hall. Mr C.J.N. titution of Civil Engineers

The Institution of Civil Engineers Ward, Master, and Mrs Ward held its annual dinner last night received the guests. Sir David, the Master, Lord Kindersley and Sir London. Mr Ian Dixon, CBE, Idris Pearce were the speakers. Industry Council, proposed the toast to the Institution and the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy
Sir Derek Birkin was the prin-Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor cipal speaker at a centenary dinner of the Institution of Minof Westminster, Councillor Dame Shirley Porter, DBE, DL, replied ing and Metallurgy held last on behalf of the guests.

London Bullion Market

The Right Hon the Lord Mayor of London, Monsieur Jacques Áttali President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Mr Julian Baring. Director of Mercury Asset ent, were the principal speakers at the Riannual Dinner of The London Bullion Market Association held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Mr Robert Guy, Chairman of the Associ-

Science Moscom Sir Austin Pearce, CBE, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum, was host at a dinner last night at the museum

to announce the first Honorary Fellows of the National Museum of Science and Industry. They are Professor R.A. Buchanan. FRHistS, Dr Frank Greenaway, FRCS, FSA, FMA, Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, FRS, Mr Christopher Roberts, Hon FRPS, and Professor Jack Sim

### Service dinner

Greaville Tenn, RN College. Commander B. Trentham, Exec-

utive Officer of HMS Invincible, was host at a reunion dinner of Grenville Term, RN College, Os-borne, January 1919, held last night in HMS Invincible.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr H.M. Anstey and Miss K.L. Harris The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of the late Mr Michael Anstey and of Mrs Margaret Anstey. of Torquay, Devon, and Kare, daughter of Mrs Caroline Harris, of Heydon, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs R. Coleman, of New Southgate, London, and Diane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Hutton, of Bryants Bottom,

of Germany, 62; Mr Jonathan Lynn, writer and actor, 49; Lord Mr D.W. Carran Justice Nourse, 60; Sir John Smith, former MP, 69; Mr F.H. Tate, former vice-chairman, Tate and Lyle, 79: Professor Kathleen Tillotson, professor of English, 86; Dr H.C. Tomlinson, head-master, Hereford Cathedral School, 44: Mr John Virgo, snooker player, 46; Professor Sir Michael Woodruff, surgeon, 81. Hampshire.

### Today's royal engagements

**Birthdays** today

Professor Janet Banely, professor of English language and medieval linerature, 60; Mr Tony Benn, 67; Sir Jeffery Bowman, chairman. Price Waterhouse Europe, 57; Mr Marlon Brando, cetter, 65; Mr B.S. Discourage.

actor, 68: Mr R.S. Burman. former chairman, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 52; Canon A.D. Caesar, 68;

Professor Theo Crosby, architect, 67: Dr Dennis Farr, director, Courtsuld Institute Galleries, 63:

Sir Alistair Frame, chairman, Wellcome Foundation, 63: Mr

William Gaunt, actor, 55; the Duke of Grafton, 73; the Rev

David Jones, former headmaster,

Herr Helmut Kohl, Chancellos

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Olympic Associ-ation, will attend the Sevenside British Olympic Appeal dinner at the Holiday Inn, Bristol, at 7.15. Princess Margaret will amend a luncheon given by the Lord Pro-vost of Glasgow in the City Chambers at 12.45; and will visit Strathclyde Police Headquarters to see the automatic fingerprint recognition system at 2.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), will attend the annual conference at the Frobel Institute, Roehampton, at 9,20.

### Reception

Verve Cliequot Award A reception was held yesterday at Claridge's hotel for the winner of The Verve Clicquot Award. Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, presented the Award "Business Woman of the Year" to Miss Phyllis Cunningham, Chief Executive, The Royal Marsden Hospital. Mr Rupert Clevely, Managing Direc-tor, Veuve Clicquot Champagne (UK), was host at a luncheon held

Mr D.M. Coleman and Miss D.C. Hu

and Miss K.M. Harley
The engagement is announced
between Daniel William, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Curran, of Englefield Green, Surrey, and Kathleen Mary, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Roy Hurley, of North Waltham,

Mr N.J.F. Forde and Miss R.W. Peldan The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Noel Forde, of Wells, Norfolk, and the late Mts Forde, and Robin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Peldan, of Brisbane,

Australia Mr E.J. Plaghes and Miss C.F. Eadie The engagement is announced between Edward John, elder son of Mrs Shella Hughes and the of Mrs Shella Hughes and the late Mr Edward Hughes, of Mount Merrion, County Dublin, and Carol Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Eadle, of West Chillington, West

Mr P.J. Ka and Miss D.J. Hobson

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs John Kane, of Guildford, Surrey, and Daisy, daughter of the late Tony Hobson and of Mrs Bertha Hobson, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr. J. McArthur and Miss A.M. Ross

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John McArthur, of Hawke Bay, New Zealand, and Alison, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Malcolm Ross, of Mortehoe, Devon.

Mr P.D.J. Marshall and Miss L.J. Cawley

and Miss L.J. Cawley
The engagement is announced
between Paul, younger son of the
Rev David and Mrs Marshall, of
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and
Lisa, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs Geoffrey Cawley, of Baily,
County Dublin, Ireland. Mr P.D. Ridau

and Miss J. Rick The engagement is announced the engagement is announced between Pzul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ridout, of Cheltenham, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John

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Mr M.J. Roberts end Miss B.L. Jos The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Roberts, of Broughton, Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Erica. youngest daughter of Mr T.G. Jones and Mrs H. Keene, of Melksham, Wiltshire.

and Miss S.C. Symons Lawson and Carole Symons, of Upper Beeding. West Sussex, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Claire, to Tim, youngest son of George and Isobel Smith, of Waiau. North Canterbury, New Zealand.

Mr B.I. Turne and Miss M.G. Feller The engagement is announced between Bernard I. Turnoy, formerly resident of Washington. DC, London and Cambridge, and Marcia G. Feller, both are currently resident in Chicago,

and Ms S.E. Byrne-Quina The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs S.G. Wilson, of St Albans, Hentordshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs E. Byroe-Quinn, of Tucson,

Mr N.P. Wolfer and Miss J.J. Pawley The engagement is announced between Nell, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Wolfenden, of Erimi, Cyprus, and Joanna, eldest daughter of the late Mr Peter Pawley and of Mrs Evelyn Pawley, o Keythorpe, of

### Church news

Clergy appointments The Rev Michael Perham, Team Rector, the Oakdale Team Min-istry (Salisbury): to be Precentor and Residentiary Canon of Norwich Cathedral (Norwich). The Rev Stephen Ashton, Priest-

in-charge, St Wilfrid and St Anne, Newton Heath (Manchester): to be Vicar, Breage with Germoe (Truro). The Rev Michael Barber, Vicar, All Saints, Monkwearmouth (Durham): to be Vicar, Mirehouse (Carlisle).

Priest in charge, St John's, Isle-worth (London): to be Victr., Mosborough (Sheffield). Priest-in-charge, St Helen's, an Honorary Canon of Bristol Kelloe (Durham): to be Vicar, St Cathedral.

Luke's, Sharlston (Wakefield). The Rev John Driver, former missionary (CMS), Sri Lanka: to be Vicar, St Margaret, Pumey

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### Telephone 071 481 4000

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Aim at peace with everyone and a holy life, for without that no one will see the Lord Hebrews 12: 14 (REB) BIRTHS

BALLARD - On March 24th, to Penny and Richard, a son. a brother to Hayden, Tom BILLINGHAM - On April 2nd

SRAY - On April 1st at Yeovil

CECIL - On March 21st 1992. at St. Thomas's Hospital. Loudou, to Camilla, wife of Lord Michael Cecil, a son CHANDLER - On April 1st 1992, lo Yolande (nee 1992. lo Yolande (nee Masterton) and Anlony, a son, Malthey Philip Hamish, a brother for James DOUER - On March 29th, at

GALL - On April 2nd 1992, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Anne mee Bret and Alan, a daughter, Eleanor Anne

GORNALL-KING - On March 26th to Victoria (née Glasby) and William a son Henry Lawrence James ('Harry') MORNER - On April 2nd 1992, lo Allson once Beddard) and Andrew, a son. Alexander William Jordin

April 14. to Christine mee Doughly) and Richard, a daughter, iona Margaret ISHIKAWA - On March 23rd.

(992) to laure use Northrop and Dermot, a daughter, Caroline laure TALKS - On March 20th, to Sarah mee Mountain and Martin a daughter pobel Enzabeth Methea

ANNIVERSARIES MUCKS: METHERINGTON
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Tripits Church Bukoba
Tapgany'lka, Geoffrey Hucks WILTSHIRE: VENNING - On April 3rd 1937 at St Singapoir, Winkle to Roma.

ANNIVERSARIES

MALLETT - Donald and Mentyn Happy 25th Municenary, Hope you have a special day, loce Ber eriey, Deuglas and Richard.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES MASON:NELSON - On April 3rd 1942. Cyril and Agnes, now at Newport. Gwent. Congrafulations to my very special parents - Alan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS CUNNINGHAM - Following the death of his wife Jill, Sir Hugh Cunningham (hanks all lhose who had a vent letters of condolence, allended the funeral or given donations to The Life-Anew Trust He apologises for any delay that there might be in responding.

**DEATHS** 

ANNESLEY - On April 2nd 1992. Gerald Francis, dearly loved husband of Lil and falter of Mangaret. Pairicia. Rory. Richard. William and the lale Janes. Service in St. John's Parish Church. Newcastle. Co. Down. on Saturday April 4th at 2. Sopm. Family flowers only but donations. if desired, to Cardiac Unil. Downe Hospillal. Downpairirk. Co. Down

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BARLOW - On Wednesday
April 1st, Mallhew
Christopher Barlow aged
22. suddenly in hospital
Much loved son of Susan and
Christopher and brother of
kate Funeral enguiries to
Pimms (0483) 67594. Pimms (0483) 67394.

BLOOD - On March 21st 1992 in a Dubtin minging home following a long illness courageousts and patiently borne. In her 97th year. Marqaret Crammer mee Kenrickt, late Monkslowii. Co Dubtin, Croofin Co Clair and Chite, widow of Brian Blood Sadiy missed by her family and friends Funeral has taken place in Ireland.

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CHANNON - On Viarch 30th
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DOW - On April 19 1992 Ian

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DISMORR - On March 31st.
peacefully. Valerie Isabelle
Drusilla unée Seel of
Aythurion, Lydney. Glos
Much loved wife of Tony,
mother of Edward and
Stephen and granny of
Elizabeth and Alexandra and
store of Edward. Funeral
Service Wednesday April 8th
1.30 pm at St Mary's
Church. Aythurion, prior to
cremation at Gloucester
Cremation and Jack Funeral
Samil's Church. Bassaleg at
1 15 pm. prior to cremation
at the Gwent Cremationum
flowers only donations if
desired for the Dilke Hospital
Scanner Appeal and further
enquiries to Philip Bilatchiy &
Son. Highrorit House.
Woolasion, Lydney, Glos tel
(0594) 529345.

**DEATHS** 

EARP - On April 1st. suddenly EARP On April 1st. suddenly. Circly Margarret Earp A.R.R.C. T.D. of Hampslead widow of Charles. Earp O.B.E. Private family funeral to be followed at a laier date by a Remembrance Service. No flowers thankyou, but donallons to a Service Charlist in memors. thankyou, but donations to a Service Charity in memory of her time in the QARANC and the T N or to the R.S.P.B would be appreciated Enquiries to (0734) 842242

EVANS - On Tuesday March
31st 1992 Auriot (Ozi peacefulls at Cressetts Beloved
mother of Hugh and Juliet
Funeral St Mary's Church,
Carew Cherilon, on Monday
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Essignie House, Pembroke,
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HAWKINS - On April 141 suddents at home Bob. 64 much beloved husband of Clare. Devoted Sahre of Clare. Flona and Lou and grandfather of Julian. Emits and Simon Requiem Mass 2:50 pm. Tuesday April 7th at St. Mary's R.C. Alten Famits' flowers only. Dona tions to Stroke Association. CHSA House. Whiterook Street, London ECIY B.J.

MILNE - On April 1st. in a London hospital after a long silness. Shella Kirslen-betweed wine of Alasdair and mother of Rualingh, Seumas and Kirsty Funerul at New College Oviced at 11 am Thursdas April 9th All Welromei. followed by pni ale cremation MORRIS - On April 2nd.
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Morris aged 86 years
Funeral private Enquiries to
R A Brooks & Son.
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POLAK - On March Soin pearcfulls at home Wind Laurence, befored husband of Ada and olders brother of Chience, Levis and Kaile. The cremation has taken place

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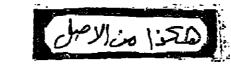
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### **OBITUARIES**

### LORD HAVERS

April 1 aged 69. He was born on March 10, 1923. LORD Havers left the indelible stamp of his personality on that profession when he became Lord

Lord Havers, PC, Attorney-Gen-

eral, 1979-87, and Lord Chancel-

lor, June-October 1987, died on

important area of British public life where the law and politics intermingle. He rose to the peak of the legal Chancellor, but he filled that office for only 134 days before resigning on health grounds. Before that he had already made his mark in an unusually long and controversial term as Attorney-General. He held that post for eight years, longer than anyone since 1737.

The lot of any Attorney-General, part lawyer, part politician, the gov-ernment's chief legal adviser and effectively chief public prosecutor, is never an easy one, and Havers's term, from 1979 to 1987, covered a particularly fraught period of political history. The tensions were not lessened by

the fact that he served under a

strong-minded prime minister not slow to put a sharp edge to every issue on the politico-legal front: the law on picketing; decisions to prose-cute civil servants for leaking confidential information; the international law aspects of the Falklands dispute; investigation of police irregularities; loss of faith in the impartiality of the jury system; the strange legal status of the secret services — it was a testing list of decisions that landed on his desk.

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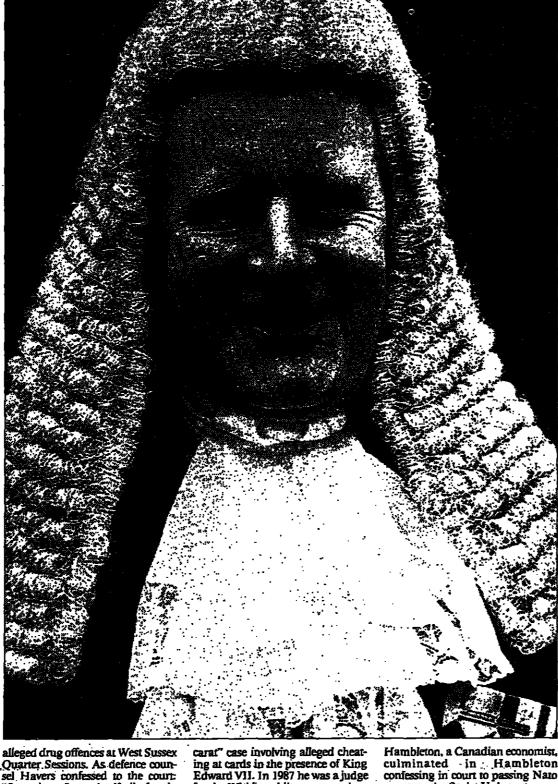
and with style - and in his relation-

ship with the prime minister he showed his own strength of mind. At one level, it has been said, the English Bar has much in common with the theatre. There was an éciat about Havers which would not have gone amiss on the stage. His legal antecedents were impeccable. Robert Michael Oldfield Havers was the son of a High Court judge. His grandfather had been a solicitor and his sister became Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, the only woman to have been elevated to the Court of Appeal. On one occasion Havers and his sister appeared against each other in a court presided over by their

father. Havers was educated at Westminster. During the second world war, as an RNVR officer, he served in the Mediterranean, Normandy and the Far East but decided against taking a permanent commission in favour of going up to Corpus Christi College. Cambridge. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1948 at the age of 25 and joined the a chambers of Fred Lawton (later Lord Justice Lawton) and Gerald Howard, MP, his pupil master. He wer (1962-68) and of Norwich (1968-71) then becoming deputy chairman of West Suffolk Quarter Sessions and chancellor of the dioceses of first St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, then of Ely. He took silk in 1964 and became master of the bench in

He entered politics relatively late which perhaps explained why his instinct when the political side came into conflict with the legal was to give his first loyalty to what he saw as the impartiality of the law. He was first elected as a Conservative MP for Wimbledon in 1970 when he was 47. He succeeded to the safe seat long occupied by Sir Cyril Black, a politician with strong views on moral issues, who may have had a hand in the succession: Havers had written a report (subsequently acted upon) to strengthen the law on pornography, and he acted as coun-sel for Black when the latter brought a private prosecution against the

book Last Exit for Brooklyn. Havers's court appearances were not always, however, in defence of conventional values: another brief was on behalf of the Rolling Stones Mick Jagger and Keith Richard when, in 1967, both were tried for



Sometimes I wonder if all of us in this court are not too old to try this case." That observation did not, in the first instance, help Mr Jagger who was convicted of being in possession of prohibited drugs when the judge ruled that the jury must return a guilty verdict, notwithstanding that the drugs were described as being merely travel sickness remedies which Mr Jagger was taking in the full cognisance of his doctor. On that celebrated occasion the effective defence of Mick Jagger was left to The Times whose leader "Who Breaks A Butterfly On A Wheel?" was probably instrumental in lead-

ing to the eventual acquittal of both men on appeal. Havers's tastes and talents were catholic. He had a reputation as something of a bon vivant and was a convivial member of the Garrick Club. His social activities at the club almost led to his downfall as Attorney-General in 1987 when it became public knowledge that he had lunched at the club with the investigative journalist Duncan Campbell in the midst of an attempt by the government to ban a television documentary exposing the secret Zircon

spy satellite programme. Havers was also part-author of a number of books designed for a popular market on sensational

cases, including the notorious "Bac-

for the Whitbread literary awards.

Two years after entering the Commons Havers was appointed Solicitor-General by Edward Heath. succeeding Sir Geoffrey Howe, with Sir Peter Rawlinson (later Lord Rawlinson of Ewell) as Attorney-General.

When the Conservatives went into opposition in 1974 and Mrs Thatcher was drawing up plans for her kind of Conservatism, Havers was closely involved, not least on trade union law, which was one of the biggest issues of the day. When she went to Downing Street in 1979 he joined her government as Attorney-General

An early source of controversy was a decision not to pursue firms accused of breaking sanctions against Rhodesia. On the legislative side, a major responsibility was the Con-tempt of Court Bill which, among other things, regularised the position of journalists seeking to protect their sources. He was also centrally involved in Mrs Thatcher's decision to expose, in the Commons, the government's knowledge of Anthony Blunt's traitorous links with the Soviet Union, and in the prosecutions of two other traitors, Geoffrey Prime and Michael Bettaney. His most dramatic courtroom success came in 1982 when his cross examination of Professor Hugh culminated in Hambleton confessing in court to passing Nato secrets to the Soviet Union.

Earlier Havers had led for the Crown in the trials of the Birmingham Six and the Guildford Four. In November 1981, despite the security precautions that surrounded him, his home in Wimble-don was bombed by the IRA while he and his family were on holiday in Spain. He reacted with aplomb, saying to his wife: "Darling, we seem to have had a slight accident at

Meanwhile, wearing his prosecutor's hat. Havers hit the headlines when the "Yorkshire Ripper" came to trial. He accepted a plea of diminished responsibility, but the judge, probably reflecting public opinion, refused to accept it and insisted on a full-blown trial for murder. It was an embarrassment for the Attorney-General, senior member of the Bar - but there were

greater embarrassments to come. Many of them were concerned with official secrets. He prosecuted Sarah Tisdall, the Foreign Office clerk who leaked details of cruise missiles. He was responsible for the unsuccessful case against Clive Ponting, who leaked documents about the sinking of the Belgrano during the Falklands war.

During the Falklands conflict Havers proved a loyal and sympathetic colleague to the prime minister, not

vived even during the most remarkable adventure of his political career, the Westland crisis early in 1986. He had just undergone a heart bypass operation, and was absent while conflict developed between the

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two most interested ministers, Leon Brittan (backed by the prime minister) and Michael Heseltine, over the future of the Westland helicopter company. It fell to his deputy, the Solicitor-General, to write to Mr Heseltine with advice on legal aspects of the problem, and passages from this confidential letter, harmful to Heseltine's political case, were published in the media. There was no doubt that the leak, by a civil servant to the Press Association, had been authorised at a high level and had taken place after exchanges between Brittan's department and Downing Street.

Havers returned from his sick-bed to this storm. He was clear in his. mind, first, that the breach of confidentiality of a government law officer's letter was a gross impropriety; and secondly that the leak had to be treated as an offence under the Official Secrets Act as much as the one which had sent Sarah Tisdall to prison. When it was hinted to him that he was being unduly legalistic about a piece of governmental Realpolitik, he retorted that unless the leak was taken seriously he would order Scotland Yard into Downing Street next morning to conduct a criminal investigation.

After that, at least one head had to fall: Leon Brittan accepted ministerial responsibility and resigned. Before that, Mr Heseltine had walked out of the cabinet in protest against the prime minister's handling of the dispute. It was widely thought that the whole episode brought the prime minister herself closer to resignation than she ever had been.

Then there was Spycatcher. Havers attracted criticism for the determined way that the government pursued the book's author, Peter Wright, in courts around the world, to condemn him for revealing details of his work for the security services. Havers accepted his responsibility, but there was one point in this episode, too, when he found himself in confrontation with Downing Street. When the cabinet secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, was giving evidence in the Austra-lian court, he indicated that Havers had been party to an earlier decision not to prosecute the author of another book on the security services: Havers forced Armstrong to retract. There was also criticism that no action had been taken against individuals who had leaked information to other au with the tacit approval of the authorities.

In 1987 the prime minister showed her loyalty to him by pro-moting him to be Lord Chancellor, but his health was not good enough for him to continue for long. Retiring from the Woolsack he became chairman of R. J. M. Outhwaite, the Lloyd's underwriters, the Solicitors Law Stationery Society and the Playhouse Theatre.

Further embarrassments were still to come, however. The quashing by the Court of Appeal of the convictions against the Guildford Four and the Maguire Seven led to the prosecution team, which had been led by Havers, being criticised for allegedly withholding evidence. But the Home Office announced last September that Havers would not be called to give evidence before the judicial enquiry being conducted by Sir John May.

Lord Havers married, in 1949. Carol Elizabeth Lay. He was knighted in 1972 and created a life peer as Lord Havers in 1987. He is survived by his wife and two sons, one of whom is Nigel Havers the actor. The other, Philip, followed his father to the Bar.

### **COMMANDER ROY HABERSHON**

Roy Habershon, MBE, first head of Scotland Yard's bomb squad and a former CID commander, died in Ware, Herts, from cancer on March 18 aged 66. He was born in Sheffield on May 15, 1925.

ROY Habershon's greatest moment probably came on a cold Friday evening late in 1975. As he walked away from a police command post set up in Marylebone he could hardly contain his satisfaction that the most effective IRA unit seen on the British mainland had been captured without loss of life after a siege lasting almost a week in nearby Balcombe Street on the edge of the West End.

Always noted as a thorough policeman, his day was not done, despite the celebrations. Climbing into his car he drove off into the night to visit the hideouts used by a gang which had terrorised central London and left a trail of murder and bombings behind it. Habershon, a familiar face

to millions of television viewers at the height of the IRA campaign, might never have been in command of the bomb squad but for the good fortune which put him in the right place at the right time. He began his police career in 1946 after war service with the RAF and rose steadily and undramatically during the 1950s and 1960s working at the Yard or outside on police divisions. He earned a reputation as a good leader, winning the admiration of junior officers and maintained a reputation for integrity and honesty.

In 1971 he was detective chief superintendent covering the Barnet area on the fringes of the Metropolitan police area at the time the Angry Brigade, an alliance of leftwing and anarchic groups, launched a series of bombings aimed at establishment targets. On January 12 two bombs shattered the front door of the Barnet home of Robert Carr, then the secretary of state for employment, and Habershon, as senior local detective, took command of the investigation with a small squad which was to be the forerunner of the bomb squad and latterly the anti-terrorist squad.

Expanded with officers from Special Branch and the Flying Squad, the squad and Habershon were moved to Scotland Yard and placed under the overall control of Commander Ernest Bond.

The Angry Brigade's operations were over by 1972 but the real work of the new squad was just about to begin. In March 1973 the IRA began their first attempt at a large attack in London with a quartet of car bombs outside Scotland Yard, the Central Criminal Court, a

BBC office and an Army recruiting depot off Whitehall. Nine terrorists were later convicted at Winchester crown court which witnessed one of the few times when Habershon's sharp tongue was beaten by an adversary.

Asked by the judge why one of the men had taken part in the bombings Habershon began to reply with the words: The kindest thing I could say..." when Dolores Price. another of the terrorists. shouted back: "We don't need your kindness Mr Habershon."

In 1974 he was appointed MBE and left the squad for a time. But he returned in 1975 as commander. It was a time when the IRA unit later known as the Balcombe Street gang was devastating London streets in a campaign which had undertaken 50 missions over a period of 18 months, including bombings and shootings. A police operation involving hundreds of officers secretly patrolled the streets nightly as Haber-shon's men tried to plot the unit's next step in London's

On December 6 the IRA unit chanced its arm once too often. Spotted by police heading for Mayfair, some of its members were chased into a block of flats in Balcombe Street where they took an elderly couple hostage and were trapped. The siege provided a dramatic confrontation which was resolved as much by patience as determination. After six days the terrorists gave themselves up. thanks to negotiators who included Peter Imbert, now commissioner of the Metropolitan police.

Habershon moved on to become head of the Yard's serious crimes branch but he did not remain at headquarters. A hard-headed Yorkshireman, always ready to make and defend his case vigorously, he left the senior ranks at Scotland Yard to become a CID commander in north London. He retired in 1980 having earned 23 commendations. He then became a director of the firm Control Risks, advising on security. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and a son.



### ON THIS DAY April 3

The report of Hitler's speech coincided with news of the launching of Germany's latest battleship, Tirpitz, and in this country with the holding of a big recruiting rally in Hyde Park for national service. On this day Europe came a step nearer to war, although it was still five months away.

HERR HITLER'S **SPEECH** 

From Our Correspondent,

Her Hitler dealt with the international situation on Sarurday in another of those biner, polemical, and threatening speeches which have been the rule with him since last September. It was addressed particularly to Great Britain, which he came near to stigmatizing as the eternal enemy of the German Reich. He also came so near to denouncing the Naval Agreement as to leave some listeners in doubt how far he regards it

as still valid. in the centre of his thoughts was the effort of the British Government to obtain through some form of collaboration security for other States against the fate which befell Czecho-Slovakia. As to that he made the following main points:-(1) Germany is the judge of

what is necessary within her sphere of interests, or her Lebensraum. What happens there is no concern of Britain's. (2) European States aspiring to Czecho-Slovakia's role as a military outpost of the Western Powers will find that they have burned their fingers. Germany will not remain inactive in the face of the encirclement

danger.
(3) The Reich does not think of making war on other nations so long as these nations leave the Reich alone. But the Reich will not tolerate for any length of time a policy of intimidation

or encirclement (4) The Naval Agreement is based on a common desire on the part of the British and German peoples not to go to war again. If that desire no longer exists in Britain, the practised pre-condition of the Agreement has been destroyed.
(5) If any nation really wants to measure its strength in violence with the Reich, Germany is at all times ready, resolved, and in the position to meet iL

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BROADCAST CUT OFF Her Hitler was to have been broadcast as he spoke, but he had said only a few sentences when the broadcast was interrupted. It is assumed that he was afraid of saying in the heat of the moment something which should not be given too wide publicity.

The Führer came muckly to the heart of his subject. The greatest mistake of pre-War Germany, he said, was that it watched Britain pursuing its 'devilish plan" of encirclement without summoning up the resolution to destroy it.

Herr Hitler then went on to discredit the morality of British policy by defence of the morality of his own. He recited the iniquities of the Treaty of Versailles - a breach of faith under which a great nation was deprived of its rights, and its existence made almost impossible. He declined to agree with foreign statesmen that this "crime" of theirs was to be the law that ruled the world. And when British statesmen said that all problems were capable of solution by discussion, his answer was that there were 15 years for that before he came to power. For the rest, he added, his procedure had been sufficiently justified by success.

"VITAL RIGHTS" Passing from defence to attack. Herr Hitler complained sarcastically that a halo of virtue did not sit well upon the English in their old age. In 300 years of less respectable youth 46,000,000 of them had brought almost a quarter of the world under their control, while 80,000,000 Germans had had to live 140 to the

square kilometre.

### MAJOR-GENERAL ABRAR HUSAIN

Major-General Abrar Husain, CBE, died in hospital in Rawalpindi on March 15 aged 74. He was born near Lucknow in

ABRAR Husain was the senior Allied officer to whom the Japanese forces occupying New Britain in the Solomon Islands surrendered in 1945.

As the son of a distinguished family who had been educated at the Lamartinhiere School and Calvin College. Lucknow, he had been in the first batch of "emergency" officers to be commissioned from the Indian Military Academy in July 1940 and joined the 2nd Battalion. 10th Baluch Regiment, a regular battalion that was sent to Malaya and fought well in the disastrous campaign which ended with surrender and imprisonment in

A simple of the same of the sa Singapore. Police to the manning of the second of the s The British officers of the unit were sent to work on the Burma-Siam railway. Pres-STATEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF T sure was brought to bear on the Indian officers to join the Japanese-sponsored "Indian National Army" and encourage their men to do likewise. Three Indian officers, of whom Abrar was the youngest, refused to have anything

to do with the INA, but they encouraged a fourth to join as he was going to die if he did not receive proper medical treatment. He, later, kept the battalion up to date with Singapore news and what he knew of the rest of the world. The INA got very few recruits from 2/10 Baluch. The Japanese decided to

make an example of Abrar Husain and, in December 1942, sent him off with a party of 150 Gurkha "recalcitrants" to New Britain in the Solomon Islands as prison labour. The group found that food and supplies of any sort were even harder to come by than they were in Singapore, so Abrar taught his Gurkhas to steal to survive, a way of life unnatural to them. By 1945 the Japanese were starving, too, and turned to

cannibalism. In September 1945 it became apparent from the demeanour of their guards that something had happened and the news filtered out that Japan had surrendered, so Abrar, the senior allied officer in New Britain, demanded the surrender of the Japanese forces on the island. After some tricky and shifty negotiations, he got it.

was not high on the list of allied priorities. The last that had been heard of Abrar Husain and his Gurkhas had been when they had been shipped out of Singapore. Ships carrying prisoners were er and his men were skeletons All was far from well, however. Communications were known to have been sunk in in rags carrying Japanese which was really merely an



hands, even if the command-

non-existent and New Britain the Pacific and so little hope was held out for their survival. But in December 1945 an Australian force arrived at New Britain and were astonished to find it in allied

inmate, Lieutenant Ismail Khan. The British officers returned from leave in the United Kingdom in March and Abrar was promoted captain and then major in rapid succession. When independence (and partition) came in 1947. Abrar had no doubts about his sympathies. He opted to

weapons. The Gurkhas were

shipped back to India and a

1937, were returned to China

Lucknow. On the recommen-

Abrar was appointed MBE.

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reformed by his fellow prison

In February 1946 he re-

go where his men, Punjabis and Pathans, were going - to Pakistan. In 1948 he passed the staff college examination and went to general headquarters as a staff officer. In 1952 he returned to the staff college as an instructor. In 1956 he went back to GHQ as brigadier in charge of staff duties and in 1965 he was promoted major-general in command of the 6th Armoured Division, a somewhat fancifully entitled force

large number of Chinese, ever, in the 1965 war with India this force repulsed the who had been prisoners since main Indian attack, on the while air passage was arsalient between Sialkot, the ranged for Abrar back to Ravi River and the Jammu border, which was said to dation of the Australians have been carried out by an armoured, a mountain and two infantry divisions. Two years later Abrar had a joined his battalion in Kara-

armoured brigade reinforced

by an infantry brigade. How-

minor heart attack, from which he rapidly recovered, and went back once more to the staff college, this time as commandant. But he then had a serious disagreement with GHQ, resigned and turned his talents to industry. For some time he managed

a paper mill but in 1974 he was chairman of the Cement Corporation, one of the biggest companies in Pakistan. But it was not to last. In 1975 he had a very serious stroke on his right side and was unable to speak or to write or, for a time, to walk. Nursed by his beloved wife (a sister of his old colleague, Ismail), he bore his disabilities with fortitude and continued to play a great part in the affairs of his closeknit family until a bad fall a few days before he died. Abrar was a quietly-spoken man with immense inner strength who is remembered

with respect and affection.

### **Business** is booming as B&B goes upmarket

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

THE traditional British bed and breakfast is moving upmarket as cost-conscious businessmen balk at the spi-

ralling price of hotels.

Many B&Bs now have en suite bathrooms, four-poster beds, expensive fabrics and wallpapers, breakfasts including home-made bread and free-range eggs and even telephones and fax machines

 yet rarely charge more than
 E25 per person per night.
 The Consumers' Association's Good Bed and Breakfast Guide published yesterday praises the standards in many of the 1.000 properties which it says "fill the gap between the very ba-sic guest house and the plush country house type of hotel".

### **British** astronaut safely back

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY

CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL Foale, Britain's first man in space, landed to the salute of two sonic booms yesterday after spending more than a week in orbit on

the space shuttle Atlantis. Dr Foale, a Cambridge graduate, who had wanted to be an astronaut since he was a child, touched down as part of a seven-man crew at the Kennedy Space Centre, Flori-da, at 12.23pm London time (6.23 local time). His return was watched by his parents. who live in Cambridge, and his wife Rhonda, a space engineer at the Johnson Space

Centre in Houston. The flight was the first in a series of 11 missions planned by Nasa, the American space agency, to study the impact of the sun on the earth's atmosphere. Dirk Frimout, a physicist, was also on board — the

first Belgian in space.
"Welcome back to the planet Atlantis. Congratulations on an outstanding mission," Sidney Gutierrez, a mission controller, told the crew.

The shuttle had blasted off from Kennedy on March 24 after a day's delay caused by technical hitches.

Few of the B&B establishments have fallen prey to the recession, says the guide, in spite of having fewer visitors, the additional cost of the new business rate and fire and health regulations that often demand expensive alterations. Some properties, for example, have even had to remove ancient flagstone floors because they have been classed as "unhygienic" by local health inspectors.

"More and more en suite

bathrooms have been added to save guests having to shuffle down the corridor for a wash. Televisions and tea or coffee-making facilities are also de rigueur and many other comforts such as hairdryers, trouser presses, telephones and shoe cleaning kits are becoming increasingly fa-miliar," say the authors of the guide. They give a warning, however, that some owners may go too far and should "perhaps think twice before making a small bedroom a minuscule bedroom by add-

ing a bathroom or shower. One of the 20 top B&Bs described by the as is the Church House at Evesham, Hereford and Worcester, which is typical of the sort of property wooing both busi-nessmen and holidaymakers.

Veronica Shaw, who runs the property with her hus-band. Michael, charges a maximum of £19 per person per night for one of the three guest rooms. "I certainly do not regard myself as running a guest house," she said. This is our home and it is only by the by that people are paying. We cannot sell alco-hol, but we do give a glass of wine to those guests we par-ticularly like. Those we don't

get a cup of tea." The Evesham Hotel, which has 40 rooms, charges £63 per person per night, includ-ing breakfast and £88 for a double. It does, however, have an indoor swimming pool and is somewhat ess eccentric about who is served in the well-stocked bar.

Bed and breakfast in Wales and Scotland provided the best bargains, the guide says, with many charging around £10 a night.

The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide (Consumers' Association and Hodder and Stoughton;



King's head: David Blackmore, Master of the Royal Armouries and Lord General of the Roundhead Association, contemplates the helmet of Charles I's ornate gilt suit of armour, centrepiece of the armouries' first touring exhibition. The show, marking the 350th anniversary of the outbreak of the Civil War, is sponsored by The Times and opens at Hull's Town Docks Museum on April 11

### Ashdown rebuffs Kinnock offer of talks on PR

Continued from page 1 day and confirmed, as The Times disclosed on March 9, that he would invite the participation of "people from other political parties". Roy Hattersley, his deputy leader, added that it would be an official government enquiry, answering to the prime

Labour is emphasising, however, that there will be no immediate commitment to PR. Mr Hattersley said he hoped the enquiry would look at the Westminster voting sys-tem "in a couple of years". He also suggested that it was not likely to be the subject of talks between Mr Kinnock and Mr Ashdown in a hung parliament.

"We are deciding one way may not - the electoral system of this country for the next 100 years or more. That can't be decided in smokefilled rooms; that can't be decided on the telephone. We take the constitutional issues seriously and after we have formed a majority government we will go on taking it seriously." he said. "An electoral system which will determine the govern-

ment of this country for the foreseeable future cannot be cobbled together to the convenience of one political party. Nor can it be the product of backstairs haggling."

Mr Ashdown argued that if the Tories lost their 100-seat majority and Labour failed to win an overall majority for



Ashdown: telling Kinnock to come clean on PR

the fourth time in a row, neither party would have the right to govern as a minority. He dismissed the preme minister's express refusal to contemplate PR. "I remember Mr Major using almost precisely the same words about

him getting rid of it." The Liberal Democrat leader predicted that Mr Major would be willing to form a coalition with the Liberal Democrats. "I simply do not believe that Mr Major, if he is a democrat, would throw the British people's judgment back in their face by repudiat-ing what they decided at the ballot box," he said.

the poll tax and it didn't stop

Mr Ashdown is now expecting to gain seats on April 9. He welcomed the Labour "That puts us right at the centre of this election," he said.

> Election 92, pages 9-13 Peter Riddell and Diary, page 16 Leading article and letters, page 17

### Fresh doubts cloud Labour spending

Continued from page 1 sell off all the state holdings. I said that we would complete the sales that are currently in the pipeline . . . We will have the same receipts from that on-going privatisation ... as would be available to a Con-

servative government." Last night, the Conservatives challenged Mr Kinnock to clear up the "muddle and confusion" surrounding a "£9.5 billion credibility gap" at the heart of its spending orogramme.

David Mellor, the Treasury secretary, said that Mr Kinnock appeared to be blissfully unaware of the fact that he would have to order new privatisations to raise the money. He could not sit back and let the cheques roll in. If he did not give the go-ahead. he would have to put 2p on the basic rate of income tax merely to sustain the government's public expenditure programme.

"This is typical of Mr Kinnock's failure to understand anything remotely complex about the manage-

ment of the British economy. When asked whether or not he would take further decisions to privatise, he either did not understand the question or did not want to answer it. Either way he has to clear up the mess quickly," Mr

Mellor said. The government projects £8 billion of privatisation proceeds in the present year and £5.5 billion in each of the following two years. It esti-mates that £9.5 billion of the two-year receipts of £11 bil-lion would be lost without selling BT and the two power generators. The £8 billion was included in Mr.Smith's shadow budget and after Mr Kinnock's interview on Panorama the £9.5 billion also appeared to be in the kitty.

In the interview, David Dimbleby specifically asked Mr Kinnock about the "£5 billion in one year, £5 billion in the next year". The Labour leader replied that "we are not going to deny ourselves the resources that would in any event be coming in with the sales underway".

### Tripoli mobs vent fury on missions

Continued from page ! wrecked and the offices burnt staying with the Spanish spanish out. The ambassador is now

The two British consular officials working in the Italian embassy, which looks after British interests, reported children parading outside. waving their fists and chant-ing slogans. Demonstrators also surrounded the French and other Western embassies. An official at the Russian An official at the Russian embassy said police had stood idly by while a crowd of well-organised teenagers attacked the building. "They threw stones, broke our windows and smashed four embassy cars beyond repair," he said. In front of the Belgian mission Reitigh, American and

sion, British, American and Belgian flags were set alight. The Belgians represent American interests in Libya.

A Western diplomar said plainclothes agents had been seen directing the crowd.

"Armed guys with Kalashnikovs were even telling people

what size stone to throw." The Maltese ambassador, who was refused a meeting with the Libyan authorities on Wednesday, was yesterday attempting on behalf on the European diplomats to secure an assurance of their safety, and to remind of its obligations to protect diplo-

matic missions in Tripoli. In London, British officials vesterday denied a report by Jana, the Libyan news agency, that the government had ordered fureign diplomats to leave for their own safety. Whitehall officials had always expected that the Libyan reaction "was never going to be

a benign one.

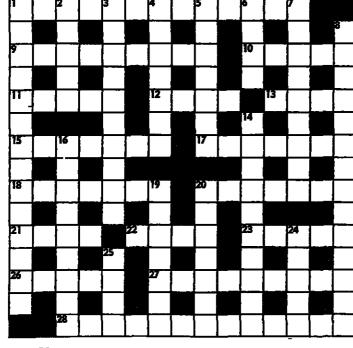
The mood in the 5.000
British community was said to be calm. There was no rush to leave Libya, although some had now decided to get out. Exit visas were still being issued, although the situation was still unclear.

British officials yesterday said there was no psychologi-cal pressure behind the choice of April 15 as the deadline - the sixth anniver-sary of the American bombing-for the UN sanctions. The curbs will take effect unless Libya hands over two. men wanted for the Lockert bombing and co-operates with a French investigation into the bombing of a French airliner in 1989. The date was put back so that it did not clash with the feast marking the end of Ramadan.

Arabs fear spillover, page 15

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### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,883



**ACROSS** 

- 1 Book from writer and explorer (9,4).
- 9 Special sets built foreign films may need them (9). 10 Fish beginning to bite at head of
- 12 Painter of illustrations for mug
- 13 Paper's omitted leader backing the House (4). 15 Don't be intimidated by striking
- 17 A cut of beef to enjoy in festive gathering (7). 18 Crime producing young female fatality announced by Scot (7).
- 20 Sportsman allowed to enter heat, possibly (7).
- Opponents of US, including the British spy chief (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18.882



22 Over the side (4).

- 23 Organize assembly in a state (5). 26 Paris of Open University. in short, having an advantage (3-2).
- Performance great physician put on inside (5.4). 11 Sea-bird fed by royal command
  - Another visitor, we hear. criticized with hindsight (6-7).

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- 1 Maiden belongs to organized group? That's not true (14).
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- 4 Horsehide? (7). Cashier put out of office (7). 6 Foreign churchman born in Lin-
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- 14 Correct approach, you'll find, in this puzzle corner (5.5). 16 Vulgar column included by for-eign press organization (9). 19 Revolutionary end Reds achieved in China (7).
- 20 An obsession about the left in Parliament (7).
- 24 Group of stars regularly appearing in airliners (5). 25 Sort of story used in picture after

Concise Crosssord, page 9 Life & Times section

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard MOGIGRAPHIA

a. A cat's paw
b. Writer's cramp
c. Mirror writing ESTRADE

a. A platform

b. A horse's kicking jump

c. The East Trade Wind PROCTALGIA

a. A pain in the bottom b. Favouring cruelty. Sadism c. Creeping holly XENAPISTIA

a. Extreme distrust of strangers b. Complete ignorance c. The autumn violet Answers on page 18

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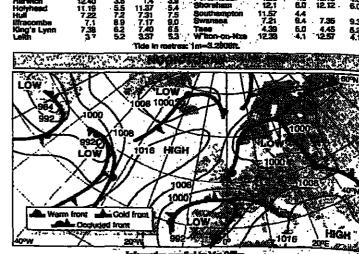
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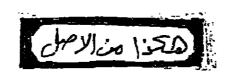
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### THE BUSINESS

FRIDAY APRIL 3 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL





Canary Wharf is a monument to the worst slump that the property sector has seen. Banks and Page 25

### CONFIDENCE VOTE

Hewden Stuart, the plant hire group, has raised its dividend as a sign of confidence although pretax profits fell from £25.2 million to £15 million Tempus. page 22

VICTORY



won a court battle as the football club's chairman Ken Bates bought more Cabra shares

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Julian Ogilvie Thompson. first non-Oppenheimer head of three South African companies, explains his successes and laments his one failure

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### Flaws found in Gooda Walker transactions

Lloyd's fears repercussions for names

By JONATHAN PRYNN

IRREGULARITIES discovered in transactions carried out by one of the biggest loss-making syndicates at Lloyd's could have "odd and damaging consequences" for the names on the syndicate, Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's, said yesterday.

The irregularities were un-covered by an investigation into Gooda Walker syndicate 290, which has lost at least £100 million through its underwriting of complex catas-

trophe reinsurance policies. Ken Randall, the former chief executive of Merrett Holdings, the underwriting group, was appointed to carry out the investigation in December last year by GW Run-Off, a company appointed by

Lloyd's to manage the winding up of the Gooda Walker

Mr Randall's interim findings were yesterday lodged in an affadavit at the Commercial Court, which is currently hearing an application by 800 names for an injunction preventing Lloyd's from drawing down on their deposits to pay losses. The case is expected to be concluded before Easter.

Mr Lord said he was "very concerned that the court reached its decision in the light of all the facts available

However, he added that the discovery of the irregularities would not result in a moratorium on cash calls on Gooda Walker names. "Our first obligation is to make sure that valid claims are met. It's the

### **Sun Alliance falls** £466m in the red

BY OUR CITY STAFF

HUGE losses on mortgage guarantee insurance, com-bined with high levels of subsidence and theft claims, left Sun Alliance, Britain's big-gest general insurer, £466.2

million in the red last year. The Sun Alliance figures, which were at the bottom end of expectations, provided a spectacular crescendo to a reporting season which has seen all of the major composites report heavy losses. Tota losses for the sector in 1991

exceeded £1.5 billion. As expected the final dividend was oegged at last year's level of 9p, making 14.25p, which, following a small improvement in the interim payment, represents an increase

of 2 per cent for the year. Roger Neville, the group chief executive, said: "1991 was a year which tested the British insurance industry to the full. Our own pre-tax loss reflects not only the impact of recession upon our residen-tial mortgage indemnity business, but also the sharp rise in crime-related claims and another year of subsidence in the UK." Mr Neville said that signs of recovery are now

"clearly visible" in the UK insurance business, although there was a likelihood of "further substantial mortgage in-

demnity losses." The level of repossesions is expected to decline this year, and analysts said that Sun Alliance's domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) losses should fall to about £200 million. Sun Alliance increased its DMI premium rates by 50 per cent in October and is continuing discussions with the major mortgage lenders on rescue schemes aimed at containing losses. Sun Alliance said that "initial indications are that the monthly rate of repossessions has dropped noticeably since the

beginning of 1992."
The total loss on the UK general insurance account was £491 million, up from £267 million. Subsidence claims were £117 million. Household theft claims were up by 32 per cent. Net assets ended the year at £1.68 million and the solvency margin fell to 63 per cent. The shares were 250p, unchanged.

old principal of pay now, sue

later," he said.

Mr Lord described the affadavit as the latest stage in "a developing situation" that could lead to Lloyd's launching disciplinary proceedings if there are prima facie grounds' for taking action.

The irregularities relate to a

series of "time and distance" policies bought by Derek Walker, the underwriter of syndicate 290, between 1981 and 1988. Mr Randall was investigating whether such policies had been used artificially by Mr Walker to boost profits, on which a commission could then be taken. In the affadavit, Mr Randall has estimated that between 1981 and 1988 E3.67 million of profit commission was

charged to names "which could be regarded as attributal to profits generated by the use of time and distance policies".

However, the affadavit makes clear that Mr Randall has not yet been able to conclude whether the time and distance policies were used improperly or "a proper attempt to ameliorate the cost to names of carrying conser-

vative reserves. Ralph Sharp, the chairman of GW Run-Off met about 80 member agents yesterday morning to inform them of the discovery of the irregularities. In a letter to the agents, Mr Sharp said: "We very much regret that the situation has developed in the way that it has. We have invested a great deal of effort in seeking to identify with Lloyd's some solution which would help the names but, unfortunately,

Some Gooda Walker names were yesterday critical of Lloyd's role in the investigation of the Gooda Walker affair.

our efforts have been

One name said that he had received a letter from David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, as recently as last week in which it was written: "I am not personaily aware of any artificial insurance policy which has created inequity."

Lloyd's has set up its own loss review panel to investigate the losses of the Gooda Walker syndicates, but this is not expected to report before

### Bank 'supporting sterling'

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE pound fell sharply after rumours swept the market of a large sell order from the Middle East and of moves by the Bank of England to brake sterling's fall.

Earlier, the Bank had sent signals through its market operations that helped to reduce pressure for higher in-terest rates. The FT-SE 100 index closed 3.2 lower at For most of the day, the

pound drifted lower against the mark as opinion polls less favourable for Labour stilled market jitters. At the official London close, sterling was down more than a quarter of a pfennig at DM2.8483. In the next hour, it dropped to around DM2.8450. Against the dollar, however, it ended more than half a cent higher

at \$1.7302. The Treasury said Britain's official reserves decreased by an underlying \$7 million to \$44.3 billion in March. The March data included \$67 million transferred to Estonia and Lithuania in lieu of gold held in Britain when the Bal-

Soviet Union in 1940. Avinash Persaud, chief currency analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, expects sterling to trade in a DM 2.8450 to DM 2.8550 range until after the election. The money market's key three-month rate eased almost a quarter-point to 11 per cent, anticipating a half-point increase in base

rate after the election. ☐ West German annual inflation accelerated to 4.7 per cent in March, up from 4.3 per cent in February.

tic states were annexed by the

pire next March.

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### UK and Germany in bank battle

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU WHAT could turn out to be

the dirtiest election campaign of the year began in earnest yesterday, when Lon-don and Frankfurt opened the battle over the seat of Europe's future central bank.

With less than nine months to go before the decision is made — and ignoring the fact that the British government has not even committed itself to the single currency — the Corporation of London has recommended a £1.5 million war chest to promote the City as the natural choice.

The Lord Mayor, Brian Jenkins, visited Brussels last month for discussions with Sir Leon Brittan, among oth-

In a report to the Corporation's common council, the their own claims." Why tell



Jenkins: Brussels visit policy and resources committee recommended: "If London is to succeed, it must, of course, establish itself as the second choice in any countries which are advancing

might play the same trick on you, and there are a lot of them. Apart from Frankfurt and London, the contestants include Strasbourg, Barcelona, Lyon, Amsterdam and Luxembourg Michael Cassidy, chair-

man of the policy and resources committee, argued in favour of "London's supremacy" because the City accounts for "a quarter of global activity" in lending. and for three quarters of ecu bond trading. To be efficient, a European central bank would have to operate through London.

Meanwhile, in Frankfurt, Deutsche Bank, the mighty twin towers of which give the impression that the bank owns the place, issued a thinly veiled threat. There is only one way to surmount grow-

them? These foreigners ing German hostility to the single currency, it implied: to make Frankfurt the centre of the monetary universe and. for good measure, to appoint a German as president of the European central bank. Although Deutsche Bank

did not spell this out, one could guess the implication: the Bundesbank would need to change only the name-plate at the door and the colour of the banknotes. Ulrich Cartellieri, one of

Deutsche Bank's chiefs, even suggested that this was "in the direct interests of all the partner states"."The much belated debate over monetary union now under way in Germany," he said, "completely ignores the fact that ... no single country can impose its preferred sol-

utions on the others." Ouite.



### **PowerGen** to shut two coal-fired stations

POWERGEN, the electricity generating company, will soon announce the closure of two more coal-fired power stations with the loss of 275

The expected closures are part of a general reduction in surplus capacity by the power industry as it seeks to trim costs in the wake of privatisation last spring. They will follow the closure last week of two of PowerGen's oldest power stations, Hams Hall, and Ferrybridge B.

Castle Donington station in Derbyshire is the under threat. The plant, which was built in 1956, has the capacity to generate 604 megawatts and employs 160 people. The other plant earmarked for closure is Drakelow B in Staffordshire. Built in 1959, it is capable of generating 460 megawatts,

and has a workforce of 115. The jobs of a further 285 workers on the site, who operate the neighbouring 1,000-megawatt Drakelow C station are believed to be safe.

The new closures will re-duce PowerGen's total capacity from 18,000 megawatts at privatisation to below 17,000 megawatts. However, the company is replacing some of its older plant with more efficient, and less-polluting, combined cycle gas-fired turbines.

The first of the company's new gas plants, a 450-megawatt unit at Killingholme, South Humberside, is expected to come on stream later this year, with a 680-megawatt gas plant at Rye House, Hertfordshire, following in

Although it will have environmental benefits, the accelerating substitution of gas plant for coal is likely to lead to further jobs losses among Britain's remaining 44,000

The generators are expected to finalise their coal plant closure plans before existing coal purchase contracts ex-

### **OFT** says prices fails to of CDs too high BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE music industry and its will keep the pricing of CDs retailers have taken advanunder close review. According to the OFT, the largest part of the production costs of tage of the willingness of customers to pay higher prices for compact discs, the Office of Fair Trading has found. Although the cost of pro-ducing CDs was now no

higher than that of records or tapes, the industry continued to charge premium prices without any commercial justification, the OFT said. However, Sir Gordon Bor-

rie, director general of fair trading, said he was powerless to act because there was no evidence of excessive profits, and no one in the industry The conclusions, formed

after an OFT inquiry, were

made public by Sir Gordon in a letter sent to industry lead-They will come as little surprise to many CD buyers. There is likely to be disap-pointment at Sir Gordon's inability to act. However, the

director general made plain

that although he planned no

action at present, the OFT

a CD are in making the master recording, signing fees. artists' advances and royalties, and advertising and promotion costs. Although the prices at which manufacturers sold CDs to dealers varied little, big discounts were available.

In music shops, however, the

OFT identified only "some limited price competition". The OFT said: "CDs were substantially more expensive than cassettes and vinyl in virtually every instance and it to us that the price difference could not be ex-plained by higher production costs in the case of manufac-

turers, or higher handling and selling costs in the case of retailers."
The OFT, however, found no evidence of collusion between record companies or retailers and despite a careful search, the OFT was appar-

ently unable to be sure where

the extra money went.

grip City By MARTIN BARROW

MANCHESTER United are top of the Football League. with a place already booked in this season's Rumbelows Cup final at Wembley, but the club has yet to score with investors in the City. Its shares, floated on the

stock market last year, were unchanged at 278p yester-day, against the 385p issue price despite meeting flotation forecasts and a bullish statement on current trading by Martin Edwards, the chairman. The company, which came to the market to raise funds to rebuild the Stretford End of its Old Trafford ground, has reduced

million. However, in he six months to end-January, pre-tax profits fell from £3.93 million to £3.17 million. Earnings, after £750,000 was appropriated from a transfer fee reserve. were 24p a share (28.6p), but United is paying an interim dividend of 6p a share and expects to meet its forecast of total dividends of 17.4p for the year to end-July.



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### Progress still leaves Sun Alliance in clouds

THERE are two schools of thought on Sun Alliance. One is that the company, which has dominated the sector for a decade, is in a period of long-term decline relative to its competitors. Critics argue that it became over-exposed to the UK economy when it was booming and failed to use its balance-sheet muscle to leap from being a domestic to a European player.

The domestic mortgage indemnity losses, which will cost the group more than £500 million in 1991 and 1992 alone, are the most dramatic symptom of the mafaise, some would say.

Holders of this view see only a slow recovery by 1993, by which time the balance sheet, and the solvency margin, which fell to 63 per cent last year will be barely distinguishable from its competi-

The blame for the decline is placed at the feet of an arrogant management that failed to foresee the fundamental changes coming in the UK market. Analysts in this camp see only small profits of perhaps £50 million in 1993 and rate the shares a

There is an opposing view. This argues that Sun Alliance has reacted swiftly and effectively to the UK losses of £491 million last year, by forcing through hefty rate increases on all its main lines of business. This, combined with a sharp reduction in mortgage indemnity losses next year and the effects of the cost-cutting measures announced earlier this year will result in a bounce back to substantial profits of up to £200 million next year. Analysts in this camp now recom-

mend buying the shares. While it is true that the group's balance sheet re-



Pleasant prospect: Redland's Robert Napier has reason to smile over the price that was paid for Steetley

mains far more robust than that of its competitors in the UK, the insurance market in the UK and globally remains in a state of flux, and until some stability is restored significant downside risk remains. Sun Alliance remains the strongest capitalised stock in a dangerous sector but it is still too early to buy.

### Redland

REDLAND, having spent months telling the City it was offering a full price for Steetley, is attempting to persuade those same investors that it has bought the company on the cheap. Such abrupt changes of heart are always a feature of the aftermath of successful contested bids; but Redland's protestations that it has a bargain have a more convincing ring than its earlier claims. The figures for 1991 re-

vealed no surprises when announced yesterday, both the pre-tax profits of £186 million and the dividend having been accurately forecast during the long drawn out struggle. However, the market's clearer focus on the benefits of the merger and an encouraging outlook from Redland itself, steered by Robert Napier, the chief exec-utive, pushed the shares ahead 14p to 464p.

The news from Steetley is, of course, far better than had been expected. Trading in France is well ahead this year. helped by the weather, the American brick business is showing signs of recovering and there are no surprises from the depressed British operations. Even the muchderided magnesia and refactories businesses are

performing better. Steetley brings with it sub-stantial ACT benefits, profits of £25 million and cost savings of £15 million this year to add to Redland - which could have expected to make perhaps £195 million without these — and enhances earnings from the start.

Redland shares, taken by the overwhelming majority of Steetley shareholders, yield a prospective 7.5 per cent. They

with one of its listed investments, which it refuses to name, against which it has

made a £500,000 write-off. But the better measure of group performance is that after £25.4 million of depreciation, £15 million of profit and £7 million from the sale of surplus plant, the gross cash flow equated to 24.53p (32.29p) a share.

"Delighted" (its own word) might not be the most apt

description for latest pre-tax

profits that fell in the year to

end-January from £25.2 mil-

lion to £15 million. But to

survive at all during a reces-

sion is an achievement in

Hewden did catch a cold

Two years ago, the group had bank borowings of £25 million. Today, it has no bank borrowings, so the £6.5 mil-lion cash pile gives the group enviable strength to survive, develop and acquire.

The winds of recession still blow through the competitive plant hire field, others are chasing volumes at unprofitable rates (which Hewden refuses to do), and one day, the economy will again pick up. Then, the strong will stand out from the weak.

It looks, however, that it will be well into 1992 before the pace of business activity quickens, and a dull first half-year would not surprise. Meanwhile, a total dividend up from 3p to 3.15p a share is

Pre-tax profits for the year ending next January may not be much different at around £15 million, and at 93p, up 2p, the shares trade on 17.4 times prospective earnings.

The shares will attract fresh attention as the economy starts to enliven, but at current levels they appear to have left the starting blocs. BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Tilbury confident as group rides recession

TILBURY Douglas, the builder formed by the merger of Tilbury and Robert M Douglas last year, has weuthered the recession with pre-tax profits of £15 million in the year to end-December (£10 million). Reflecting confidence in the medium-term, the group is paying a final dividend of 22.5p making an unchanged total of 33p for the year, barely covered by attributable earnings. Michael Bottjer, the group managing director, said Douglas contributed £2.4 million to the pre-tax figure since the acquisition on October 21, but bringing the two companies together provided a "massive stride forward in size and capability". The group ended the year with net cash of £13.7 million. Mt Bottjer said economic uncertainty continued and it was difficult to foresee when the general trading environment would improve. Profits in the merged construction division were £11.1 million (£11.4 million) but property, including housebuilding, slumped to £3.05 million (£8.59 million)

### Wehmiller payout up

BARRY Wehmiller International, a packaging equipment maker, is maintaining its interim dividend at 2.4p. despite a fall in pre-tax profits to £2.25 million (£4.31 million) in the six months to January 31. Turnover fell 8.8 per cent to 535.7 million. Earnings dropped to 3.9p a share, against 8.4p last time. The company has no net gearing after a £12.9 million rights issue last October. Nigel McLean, chairman, said orders were up and continuing recovery was expected. The

Nursing home bought

ASSOCIATED Nursing Services, a USM-quoted nursing homes group, has acquired the Chestnut Court home in Bury, Greater Manchester, for £2.18 million in a joint venture with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Associated Nursing has always managed the home, which has 120 bedrooms. has always managed the home, which has 120 bedrooms. The company has sold its SAFA subsidiary, which supplies the occupational health and industrial first aid markets, to Intercare Group for £2.6 million. Associated Nursing shares

### Gowrings losses rise

PRE-TAX losses at Gowrings, the motor distributor and leisure group, deepened from £432,000 to £953,000 in the year to end-December, on turnover down from £59.9 million to £48.1 million. The losses were exacerbated by an exceptional charge of £342.000, relating to a property sale, compensation to a former director and restructuring costs. There was also an extraordinary loss of £119,000. The final dividend is being maintained at 1p. giving shareholders a reduced total of 2p for the year against 3.25p last time.

Trading fall hits Baird
WILLIAM Baird, the textile and engineering group that
supplies Marks and Spencer with most of its clothing,
suffered a 28 per cent fall in pre-tax profits last year to £25.1 million (£33.8 million) as the recession affected trading volumes. Earnings fell to 16.5p (24.1p) a share. The final dividend is held at 5.35p, making an unchanged total of 8.9p for the year. The company pulled out of fabric converting at a cost of £1.4 million, and £2.5 million was written off in withdrawing from other non-core businesses.

### **Drop at Brooks Service**

BROOKS Service Group, the textile rentals and retail services group, suffered a 57.2 per cent decline in full-year profits. Pre-tax profits fell from £1.51 million to £645,000 in the year to end-December, on turnover down 6.4 per cent to £23.8 million. The final dividend is cut to 2.75p (3.91p). giving a reduced total for the year of 4.05p (5.75p). There is an exceptional credit of £24,000, and an extraordinary debit of £42,000. Earnings drop to 3.6p a share, down from 8.7p a share last time. The shares eased 2p to 7lp.

### William Sinclair buys

WILLIAM Sinclair Holdings, the Lincoln garden and pet products supplier, is acquiring Secto Company for a maximum of £6.6 million, depending on future profits. Secto makes and markets a range of branded petcare, household and garden products. There is an initial consideration of £5 million. Secto made pre-tax profits of £169,000 in the year to end-September, 1991. For the year to end-September 1992, profits have been warranted at not less than £700,000. William Sinclair shares were unchanged at 274p.

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### Eagle Star switch

BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group, says Martin Broughton, finance director, will become chairman of the Eagle Star insurance subsidiary on July 1. He will succeed Brian Garraway, BAT's deputy chairman, who retires from the group in October. Mr Broughton, while remaining group finance director, also takes over as managing director of financial services. Ulrich Herter will become managing director, tobacco.

### SUNALLIANCE

The audited Group results for 1991 are as follows:	1991	1990
	£m	£m
Premium income –		
General insurance	2,677.9	2,512.7
Long-term insurance	1,017.7	861.2
	3,695.6	3,373.9
General insurance underwriting result	(833.5)	(550.8)
Long-term insurance profits	54.3	47.7
Investment and other income	313.0	322.2
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(466.2)	(180.9)
Taxation	(2.7)	(82.5)
Profit/(loss) after taxation	(465.5)	(98.4)
Minority interests	8.2	7.8
Profit (loss) attributable to shareholders	(471.7)	(106.2)
Dividend	113.9	111.3
Retained profits transfer	(585.6)	(217.3)
Earnings/(loss) per share	(59.2p)	(13.4p)
Dividend per share	14.25p	14.0p

### TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	1991		195	1990
	Premium income	Under- writing result	Premium income	Under- writing result
United Kingdom	£m 1.667.1	£m (713.0)	£m 1.631.4	£m (461.3)
Europe	445.8	(78.2)	378.9	(53.1)
USA	249.1	0.8	230.2	(0.8)
Canada	68.2	(18.7)	61.0	(7.3)
Australia	108.7	(12.3)	101.7	(16,1)
Other overscas	139.0	(12.1)	109.5	(12.2)
	2,677.9	(833.5)	2,512.7	(550.8)

### SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The Group's net assets amounted to £1.684m at 31st December, 1991 (1990; £2,034m), excluding the value of long-term business. The solvency margin was 63% (1990; 81%).

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 9.0p per share (1990: 9.0p) making a total dividend for the year of 14.25p per share - an increase of 1.8%. The dividend, costing £72.0m (1990: £71.5m), will be paid on 1st July, 1992 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 24th April, 1992. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered.

The statutory accounts, on which the auditors have made an unqualified report and from which the above figures have been extracted, will be posted to shareholders on 27th April and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting on 20th May, 1992.

2nd April, 1992

Sun Alliance Group ple

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### New products give a boost to Spirax By Jonathan Prynn

SPIRAX-SARCO Engineering, the steam equipment manufacturer, has maintained its 24-year record of trading profits growth with a 7 per cent advance to £24.7

sell on a forward earnings

multiple of 16, which seems a

bit steep, but this drops away

Redland gets 80 per cent of

earnings from abroad, an

attractive prospect under a

Labour government, but Steetley brings further advan-

tages from the upturn that

will eventually occur in the

building industry. The shares

Hewden Stuart

HEWDEN Stuart is one on

its own in an otherwise reces-

sion hit plant hire sector. It

has a £6.5 million pot of cash.

no leasing commitments, no bank borrowings, and has raised its 1992 dividend.

to 13.5 for 1993.

should be bought.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-December also inched ahead by 2 per cent to £22.5 million. The shares surged 14p to 273p on the results announcement before falling back to 267p, up 8p. Some downturn in full-year profits after the company announced a fall at the interim stage. The trading profit margin was maintained at 15.6 per

Chris Tappin, the chairman and chief executive, said that the company had faced difficult trading conditions

throughout the world. He said there had been no signs of improvement in trading conditions but the group's strengths would enable it to perform creditably again in 1992. More than

thur Dunkel, director-general

of the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), who

has headed the six-year Uru-

clear that his original Easter

target for concluding the am-

bitious trade liberalisation

talks would not be met, the usually cautious Swiss trade

diplomat said that there

could be a "major political breakthrough" by mid-April. Mr Dunkel reiterated his

plea for an agreement in

order to give a boost to world

confidence and world

not backwards, and we are

not standing still," he said.

All the technical work had

a conference of the Interna-

tional Chambers of Com-

merce held in Paris, followed

an agreement on Wednesday

between America and the Eu-

ropean Community on the

His remarks to reporters at

been done, he noted.

"We are moving forward,

erowth.

guay Round negotiations. Although Mr Dunkel made

three quarters of the group's turnover is generated The core Spirax-Sarco

steam business, which accounts fo 85 per cent of turnover, maintained volumes at last year's level and benefited from the introduction of new products. Profits were up in the UK and maintained in Continental Europe. North American profits were slightly down and the Brazilian after reorganisation. The sterling value of overall

South American profits were reduced significantly by a change in accounting policy to eliminate the effect of local hyper-inflation.

Net borrowings at the year-end were £17.4 million and net gearing was reduced from 28 to 25 per cent. A final 6.3p dividend makes a total of 9p for the year, a 3 per cent increase on the previous year's 8.7p. The dividend is covered twice by earnings of

### **Dunkel predicts Gatt breakthrough** trade talks with President Bush in Washington a fort-ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT night ago, has said he does HOPES of a breakthrough in the stalled world trade talks have been encouraged by Ar-



Renewed plea: Arthur Dunkel seeks agreement question of subsidies for the expected to try to end the

aerospace industry, which suggested continued willingness on both sides of the Atlantic to resolve trade policy disputes.

Transatlantic differnces over subsidies to farming have been the main obstacle to a Uruguay Round accord. Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, is

er, require compromises in the fields of agriculture, ser-

vices and market access, according to European officials. Mr Dunkel underlined that Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, who discussed the

impasse in world trade talks

when he meets President

Bush this month. A political

breakthrough would, howev-

not want the Uruguay Round on the agenda of the economic summit in Munich in July. While Mr Dunkel voiced doubt about the chances of the end to France's regional elections producing signifi-cant change in the French resistance to cuts in farm subsidies, he pointed out that it was the European Commission that negotiated on behalf of Paris. Mr Dunkel said the multilateral trading system was at a crossroads, but challenged the view that regional trading blocs could provide an alternative.

"Regional co-operation and multilateral co-operation are so closely interlinked that both must sink or swim together," he said.

Mr Dunkel included himself among those who believe that economic tensions triggered the second world war. A successful Uruguay Round was "absolutely necessary" to the new global security system. He welcomed the move towards regional co-operation among developing

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**Boots and** 

WH Smith

refinance

DIY arm

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH:

BOOTS and WH Smith.

which merged their do-it-

yourself businesses in June

All, are doing it all again. The

severity of the recession and

the poor state of the DIY

market have persuaded the

two groups to refinance the

The A and B preference

shares will be converted into

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Smith, which had a smaller

share of the preference equity

than Boots, will subscribe £24

£5.5m is set

aside for

**Macfish loss** 

Associated Fisheries has set

aside £5.5 million against the

expected loss on the proposed

sale of its 50 per cent interest

in Macfish, a fish processing joint venture with Geest.

The provision, taken as an

extraordinary item in the

1991 accounts, follows a sim-

ilar move by Geest. Macfish's

attributable profits last year were £2,000, down from £340,000 in 1990. Pre-tax

profits fell from £3.39 million

7p with an unchanged final payment of 6p. The overall loss for the year was £6.46 million (£573.000 profit).

**Great Southern** 

Great Southern Group, the

funeral service company, had

a 45 per cent leap in pre-tax

profits last year to £4.67 million (£3.2 million).

ties raised £1.3 million. Fully

diluted earnings per share

have risen from 14.7p to 21.6p. A final dividend of 6.7p (5.5p) makes 10p (8.5p)

Telemetrix lift

Telemetrix, the electronics

group, lifted pre-tax profits by 21.3 per cent to £4.48 million

in the year to end-December.

The dividend is maintained

**Losses reduced** 

Scottish Heritable Trust, the

mini-conglomerate, cut 1990 pre-tax losses of £15.9 million

to £792,000 in the year to end-December 1991. There

Shares halted

Shares in Bio-Isolates (Hold-

ings), a manufacturer of pro-

tein from whey, were suspended at 13p after the

breakdown of talks with Davisco International over

the future of the companies'

American joint venture, Le

Perhaps the profound gloom about Britain's economic pros-pects is justfied after all. If the country's biggest firm of char-

tered accountants cannot get its fig-

ures right, what hope can there be for the rest of British business?

On Tuesday, Coopers & Lybrand produced a much-publicised report on the "fiscal reality gap" that

would face the next government, regardless of its political colour. So wide was the gulf between the Treasury's prospective tax revenues and

its planned spending that Tories and Labour would both have to raise

income tax sharply if they wanted to

reduce public borrowing to the levels specified in the Maastricht Trea-

ty on European Monetary Union. Since it was published, the Coopers

report has dominated much of the

economic debate between the two

main parties. Yet, some of its most

fundamental assumptions simply

There is one reason why Coopers

conjures up the gloomier view. It

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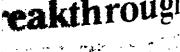
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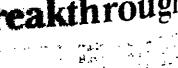
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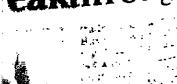
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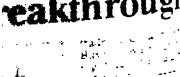
















assumes a much slower recovery from the recession than did the Treasury in its official forecast published in the Budget Red Book. But why should we believe the Treasury is wrong, while Coopers, which is not even an economic forecasting institution, is right? Coopers assumes as its "central scenario" that the economy will grow 2.5 per cent a year from 1993-4 to 1996-7 inclusive. The Treasury's assumption of 3.5 per cent is overoptimistic, they deciare. Among the justifications Coopers gives for its lower assumptions are the following assertions:

A growth rate of 2.5 per cent would be closer to Britain's histori-

do not stand up.

cal experience than the Treasury's assumed 3.5 per cent. ☐ The Treasury's growth projection

lion over five years and a running yield of 10.5 per cent from the joint venture. WH Smith's share was to be £27 million plus the 10.5 per cent running yield. In its case, the yield was to be suspended for

million for new ordinary

shares to maintain the 50-50

ownership balance. The mon-

ey will be used to roll out a

new Do It All format that has been tested in nine stores.

Under the original scheme,

which the parent companies

admit was over-optimistic,

Boots was to receive £52 mil-

the first two years.

However, the baby has turned out to be less healthy than the parents hoped. Analysts estimate that in the year to February 29. Do It All lost between £5 million and £10 million: its borrowings are thought to be about £40 million. Consequently, the scope for extracting money from the business is severely limited. Boots received around £7.5

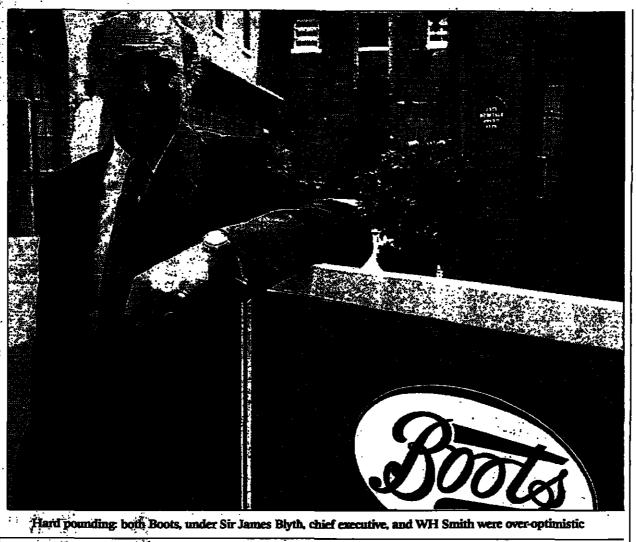
million from Do It All last year but David Thompson, the Boots finance director, says that neither parent expects to take dividends on the ordinary shares for the fore-secable future. Any profits will be ploughed back into the business to pay for the conver-sion of the 200 Do It All stores to the new format.

Conversion is planned at the rate of six stores a month and is expected to cost roughly £50 million. Analysts are questioning whether the £24 million cash injection from WH Smith will be enough and Mr Thompson says Do It All's demand for new money depends very much on the state of the market. If sales pick up, the conversion pro-gramme should be self-financing. In any event, the business has enough cash to satisfy its needs for the remainder of this financial

Mr. Thompson. confesses that he was surprised by the severity of the recession in the DIY market but says that even with the benefit of hindsight, Boots would have gone ahead with the joint venture.
"When we did it, we were looking at it for the long term," he says.

Both parents are committed to the business, he emphasises, and neither has considered buying the other, out or selling to a third party. "We are very happy with what has been achieved so far and the potential of the new format," he says.

Analysts said Kingfisher's DIY business, B&Q, had been gaining market share at Do It All's expense. While Do It All was installing new systems. B&Q was promoting heavily on price and picking up extra business. At that time, Do It All did not have the flexibility to respond to the promotional activities of



### Campari sales defy trend

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BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

year, an increase of 9 per

Despite the UK recession,

sales in Britain rose 7 per cent. Mr Maunsell said his

company's success was due to

having the right products at

the right price. Overseas sales accounted for 67 per cent of turnover against 58 per cent

last time with particular ad-vances in the Benelux coun-

tries and Germany where the

fashion is strong for the

American-style sports wear in

which Campari specialises. Christoph Cheng, the

group's chairman, said:
"While we are maintaining

CAMPARI International, the leisurewear group, increased its sales overseas 30 per cent last year despite difficult trading conditions for clothing distributors. Kit Maunsell, the group's chief executive. gave warning that 1992 was likely to be much tougher. Campari made pre-tax

profits of £5.26 million in the 3 months to end-December 1991 against £4.77 million in the 12 months to end-November. Turnover was £53.7 million against £39.4 million. Turnover in December 1991 was £2.1 million. Earnings per share rose 4.9 per cent to 39.24p and the final dividend of 9p makes 12p for the slow. This is especially so in the UK where there are no significant signs of economic recovery. It is too early to take a view on the second half and with developments in the US, France and Italy the outlook for the year should be seen positively but with caution.

"Our balance sheet remains strong with shareholders' funds now standing at £22 million representing net assets of 212p per share. This ensures that we are well placed to absorb difficult trading conditions while also being able to take advantage of any expansion opportunities which may arise." The

### our market share, trade in the current half year has been Scholl treads European bid trail

By OUR CITY STAFF

SCHOLL, the foot and personal health care group, is on the acquisition trail. It has drawn up a short list of possible acquisitions across Europe. It wants over-the-counter healthcare products hai it can distribute to macies using its existing

Neil Franchino, the

Scholl has £26 million in net cash, but he would be prepared to borrow more or dilute earnings should the right company come along. The group was close to a deal last year but walked away at the eleventh hour because it could not agree on a price. Most of the companies he is negotiating with are private



Out on a shopping spree: Neil Franchino and Judy Hutcheson, Scholl group finance director

balance sheet comes from the group's £24.5 million rights issue last year — and the £1.2, million of interest earned on that money helped push profits 13 per cent higher to £16.1 million last year. Operating to £15.7 million. Turnover fell from £146 million to £144

There was a £600,000 reduction in the tax charge to £5.06 million and earnings rose from 10.5p to 13.1p a share. The final dividend is 3.5p, making 6p for the year, the same as last time.

Mr Franchino said sales hade been affected by trade destocking across northern Europe as well as the difficult economic climate. Poor weather made sales of sandals sluggish last summer, but costs have been cut. About 4 per cent of the workforce has been lost through natural wastage and stock levels reduced by 18 per cent. Sales are ahead in the first three

### Why accountants' gloom is overdone

exceptional boom of 1985-8", and therefore inflationary and unsustainable. [] "The optimistic Treasury scenario of 3.5 per cent average GDP growth is comparable, and in fact slightly better than that achieved in the best periods of the Fifties and

would be "similar to that in the

there has never been a recovery as slow as the one assumed by Coopers, and even the two weakest recoveries on record were closer to the Treasury's assumptions than Coopers' "central case". Next, the comparison with the Lawson boom is simply false. Growth in the calendar years 1985-8 inclusive averaged 4.1

The Coopers report has dominated much of the economic debate between the parties. Yet some of its assumptions simply do not stand up.

Sixties (so long as average growth is measured over the entire period)." [] Britain's experience in the previous economic cycle, from 1973-9, would justify an even lower growth assumption of 1.5 per cent. All these statements are either

demonstrably false or misleadingly irrelevant. First, we must compare like with

like. The widely quoted growth rates of 2.5 per cent (Coopers) and 3.5 per cent (Treasury) are only supposed to begin in 1993-4, after a much slower start in the year ahead. Taking the full five years of recovery, Coopers' "central scenario" shows a 2.2 per cent average growth rate, while the Treasury assumes 3.1 per cent. In the corresponding five years of the last recovery, from 1982-6 inclusive. growth averaged 3 per cent, very close to the Treasury assumption. After the 1974-5 recession, growth averaged 2.7 per cent in the four years of recovery that preceded the sudden collapse of the economy after the Iranian oil shock and the winter of discontent. In other words,

per cent. In the financial years 1985-6 to 1988-9, it averaged 4.3 DEF CERL 7

The second and third statements are even more misleading because of the proviso contained in brackets. There is simply no justification for comparing an economy's likely growth rate during a phase of recovery from deep slump, with its average trend rate of expansion over an entire economic cycle.

The third statement is particularly misleading, since it compares a period that included the deep recession of 1974-5 with a period of expected recovery in 1992-6. While it is true that the economy grew at an average rate of only 1.5 per cent from 1973-9, the growth rate during the recov-ery phase of this cycle was much faster. Comparing the quarterly trough in 1975 to the quarterly peak in 1979, and adjusting for the dis-tortion of the 1979 VAT increase. gives an annualised growth rate of

Of course, it is perfectly possible that the Jeremiahs will be proved

to be slower than any in post-war history. There are four main reasons for fearing this: the possibility of large regional and industrial shocks resulting from massive income re-distributions under Labour, the high real interest rates imposed by Germany on all ERM members; the pound's overvalued exchange rate; and the persistently high debt burden on the corporate and personal sectors. But against these must be set four countervailing factors. First, fiscal policy will be highly stimulative in the next two years,

instead of extremely deflationary as it was after Sir Geoffrey Howe's notorious 1981 Budget. Second, the world economy should be growing in 1993, in contrast to 1982, when both America and Germany plunged into their deepest slumps on record, just as Britain was starting to recover. Third, real interest rates were high throughout the early Eighties. Long-term real interest rates averaged 5.5 per cent from 1982-6. against the 4.5 per cent assumed for the five years ahead by Coopers. Finally, Britain has achieved much lower inflation as a result of the present slump than it did at the start of the last recovery. In 1982, inflation was still running at 8.7 per

cent on average.

It may turn out to be true that. even after achieving an inflation rate half that in the last recession. Britain cannot now hope to equal the recoveries it enjoyed in the last two cycles. But if this dismal prospect is to be taken for granted, what on earth was the point of the Thatcherite revolution, the battle against inflation and the decision to ioin the ERM?

ANATOLE KALETSKY **Economics Editor** 

### Tarmac plan bricks swap BY MARTIN WALLER TWO of Britain's biggest

Redland and

building materials groups, Redland and Tarmac, have dreamt up a novel way round Office of Fair Trading strictures about competition in the building industry - by swapping brickworks they would otherwise each be required to sell.

The deal is at a tentative stage and neither side is prepared to comment. But a link between Tarmac and a third building materials producer. Ibstock Johnsen, is the talk of the industry.
Such a merger would pro-

vide Tarmac with an alternative to a similar link planned with a fourth firm, Steetley, which fell foul of the Office of Fair Trading on competition grounds before Steetley itself succumbed to a hostile takeover bid from Redland.

The venture would, however, produce its own problems with the OFT and probably require the disposal of a couple of brickworks. Redland is also required to dis-pose of two works in the south-east within 18 months under the ruling that cleared the bid. However, the OFT made it

**BAe quits** 

property

venture

By Ross Tieman

BRITISH Aerospace has

pulled out of a 50-50 joint

venture to redevelop a 350-acre site at the former

Brooklands airfield, Surrey,

as a business park. It has sold

its shares to its partner,

Trafalgar House, for a nomi-

Any further money BAe

commits to property develop-ment is likely to be spent on

Arlington, its own developer,

which is not involved in the

Brooklands project.

The decision is another

sign that BAe is drawing back to focus on the core activities

of military and civil aircraft

making, armaments and Rover cars in the wake of last

vear's disastrous £432 million

The joint venture to develop the Brooklands site was

formed in 1987 after BAe

announced the closure of its Weybridge plant. BAe is believed to have received

about £40 million from the

sale of a half-share in the site

closure costs. Many of the

4.000 employees were trans-

ferred to Warton, Lancashire,

where BAe's military aircraft

Trafalgar House has scored two further coups. Sony, the Japanese electronics group, is to build its headquarters at the

Brooklands park and Marks

and Spencer is taking six

acres for a retail store.

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nal sum.

rights issue.

clear that it was concerned about regional rather than national concentrations in the brick-making industry. raising the possibility that one company with a competi-tion problem in one area could swap with another with similar difficulties elsewhere, and this is an option believed to have been discussed by Redland and Tarmac.

Tarmac was not commenting on the possible merger last night. Ibstock said no talks had taken place with Tarmac but refused to rule out an eventual link as part of the continuing rational-isation of the industry. Redland confirmed forecasts

made at the time of the bid when it announced pre-tax profits in 1991 down from £245 million to £186 million and a repeat 25p dividend, held with a 16.75p final.

Gerald Corbett, the finance director, said: "We should have a better year in 1992 because of recovery in the States and Australia and because Germany is trading strongly, and because of the Steetley merger benefits. What Steetley offers is the benefits of a recovery in the UK, but it's going to be another year when being spread internationally is coing to be good news." going to be good news."

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### Northern ready to eat Christmas pudding maker

NORTHERN Foods is boosting its Christmas pudding operations with the proposed purchase of Matthew Walker, the Christmas puddings and cakes subsidiary of Hunter

Saphir, for £7.7 million. Matthew Walker, of Heanor, Derbyshire, is Britain's leading maker of Christmas puddings, which are sold under its brand and under the labels of leading retailers. Operating profits were £918,000 in the year to end-February last year, on turn-over of £9.3 million. The business, bought from Berisford International in 1987, was put up for sale at the end of last year.

The deal is conditional on the approval of Hunter Saphir's shareholders and confirmation that the acquisition will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

### Company receivership figures show slight fall

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor SLIGHTLY fewer companies

were in receivership or administration in the first quarter of this year than a year ago, but failures are still running at more than 500 a month and the recession is getting worse in Scotland. The marginal slowdown

contrasts with the increase in liquidations and bankruptcies, which reflect mostly small businesses, suggesting banks are more anxious to keep bigger businesses going.

Figures compiled by Touche Ross, the accountancy firm, show 1,559 new receiverships and administrations

in the first three months of this year against 1,563. The tide of failures abated in manufacturing, transport and energy industries, but was higher in the retail, hotel catering sectors. The four big clearing

banks, particularly Lloyds and Midland, put in fewer receivers. There was, however, a big increase in the number of receivers appointed by the Scottish banks. In the South-East, the number of receiverships and administration orders fell 10 per cent but accounted for two fifths of the



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### American investors take a shine to BP

CITY investors might continue to take a dim view of prospects for BP but it seems that investors on Wall Street cannot buy enough of the

They snapped up another large parcel yesterday and American investors are now thought to own almost 11 per cent of the company. In early March, that figure was less than 8 per cent.

Granada Group rose 4p to 228p as Hoare Govett, the broker, began recommending the shares again. The shares have been a strong performer this year, but suffered after the Labour party threatened to curtail the exclusive sports coverage enjoyed by BSkyB, where it owns a 12 per cent stake.

Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house. saw the opportunity to make a profit in BP when it bought 14.2 million shares after County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, tried in vain to place them with domestic fund managers. Salomon is said to have paid about 238p and later sold them to various clients. By the close of business, a total of 54 million BP

shares had changed hands with the price slipping 3p to 246p. It is thought the shares might have belonged to an institution rearranging its portfolio ahead of the financial year-end.

In February, BP gave warning that future dividend payments might be in doubt. after reporting a drop in net income last year from £1.68 billion to £415 million. The group has seen its popularity among London investors decline steadily. Americans, however, see BP in a different light. They do not fear a cut in the dividend and view BP as a global company rather than just comparing it with Shell, its main rival.

The rest of the equity market spent another nervous day after Wednesday's sharp losses on the latest opinion polls showing Labour with a commanding lead. Dealers marked prices higher first thing, expecting cheap buyers to take advantage of the shake-out. But the lack of follow-through saw a 15point lead reversed. A spate of bear closing enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close off the bottom with a fall of 3.2 at

Turnover of 607 million was again bolstered by a large

TATE & LYLE: SHARES LIKELY TO UNDERPERFORM AFTER STRONG RUN

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number of bed and breakfast transactions aimed establishing a tax loss. Government securities also recovered their composure with longer dated issues scoring gains of E12 at

the longer end. Grand Metropolitan attracted overseas support climbing 12p to 899p while a buy recommendation from Smith New Court lifted Rothmans International 15p to £10.29.

Tate & Lyle, the Mr Cube sugar producer, touched 391 p before rallying to close 3p lighter at 397p. County NatWest WoodMac says the shares should now be rated at 10 per cent discount to the

market after their recent strong performance. County pinpoints Tate & Lyie's exposure to the world commodity markets and its cyclical nature as reason to take a more cautious stance.

The broker is forecasting a

rise in pre-tax profits for the

current year of about £6 mil-

lion to £240 million but has cut its estimate for 1993 by £6 million to £262 million. The full-year figures from Sun Alliance, unchanged at 250p, made grim reading, but appeared to be in line with most City forecasts. Pre-

tax losses grew from £180.9

million to £466.2 million. The other insurers were

also encouraged with Commercial Union firming 2p to 415p, General Accident 3p to 388p, and Guardian Royal Exchange 4p to 123p. Only Royal failed to make headway, slipping 2p to 176p.

Redland, the building supplies group that last week won control of Steetley after a hotly contested £615 million bid. advanced 17p to 467p, despite a drop in full-year pretax profits of £59 million to £186 million.

Fisons rose 8p to 334p as the group announced its new chief executive as Cedric Scroggs, who is chairman of its scientific equipment divi-

and WH Smith A 2p to 402p after agreeing to a financial reconstruction of their jointlyowned Do It All, do it yourself retail chain. It is planning to convert the preference shares. issued to the two groups when the venture was first launched in 1990, into ordinary shares. WH Smith is also to buy an extra £24 million of Do It All shares giving it an equal stake in the business which now includes the Payless DIY chain. The proceeds will be used to reduce borrowings of

640 million. Harstone, the hoisery and

steady at 227p. Three leading American institutions have agreed to participate in the issue of \$50 million of medium-term debt replacement.

The utilities atempted to claw back some of Wednesday's heavy losses but support was selective and best levels were not held leaving a mixed picture at the close. Eastern rose 4p to 211p.

The management team at Firstland Oil, the exploration group, unchanged at 9 ½ p, is working to revive the group's fortunes. It has arranged a refinancing package and plans to diversify. We should also hear that London Securities has sold its 2.48 million shares to Royal Insurance.

London 9p to 231p, Manweb 3p to 260p, and South West 2p to 225p. But there were further losses for Midland, 3p to 220p, Northern, 8p to 228p, Norweb, 3p to 243p, Seeboard, 1p to 229p, Southera, 3p to 214p. South Wales. 7p to 251 p, and Yorkshire, 42p to 2732p. The electricity package fell another fill to £2,278. The power generators saw falls in Scottish Hydro, 1p to 82p, and Scottish Power, 1p to 80 2p, while National Power was steady at 191p and PowerGen firmed lp to

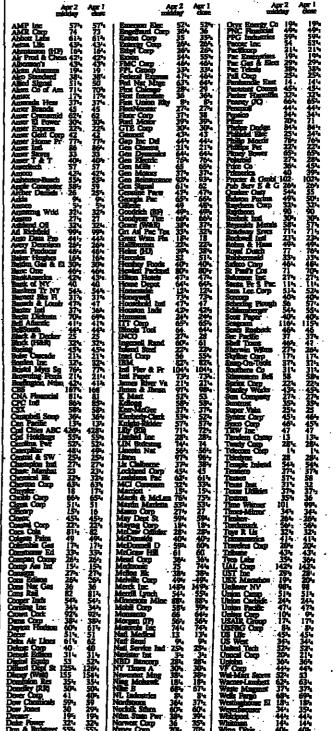
201 p.
The water companies continued to be given the cold shoulder by investors fearing thge prospect of renationalisation under a Labour government. Token gains were seen in South West, 2p to 337p. and Wessex. 1p to 384p while Southern held steady at 314p. But there were losses for Anglian, 4p to 314p, Northumbrian, 6p to 349p, North West, 4p to 329p, Thames, 1p to 334p Weish, 10p to 353p, and Yorkshire, 1p to 349p. Severn Trent fell 9p to 301p. after warning analysts that it has been forced by the recession to implement a big rationalisation programme at Biffa, its waste disposal subsidiary, which it acquired from BET last year for £212

million.

WALLSTREET

New York - Blue chips posted moderate gains in early trading as some buyers took advantage of recent weakness. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.91 points at 3,252,24. Analysts said opening, gains appear limitinvestors were searching for the shares that have seen the

greatest correction over the first quarter. They said some of the growth stocks appeared set to rebound. But with March unemployment figures due out before today's ed as many investors sit on the sidelines.



### ... MICHAEL CLARK

### Intervention urged to combat market slump

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

PESSIMISM over the weakness of the Japanese economy and the stock market deepened yesterday as the value of Tokyo shares slumped to about 53 per cent of their 1989 high and political and business leaders renewed their calls for government measures to support the market.

The Nikkei index numbled 295.76 points to close at 18,286.03, its lowest level in more than five years despite the 75 basis-point reduction on Wednesday of the official discount rate to 3.75 per cent. and a package of emergency economic measures announced by Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan,

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Democratic Party met yesterday to discuss the stock marhad met the justice ministry to legislation that would enable Japanese companies to buy their own stock to help lift the market

Gaishi Hiraiwa, chairman of the Federation of Economic Organisations (Keidanren), urged the LDP to take shortand long-term measures to push up the market. He predicted that the government would not be able to achieve its goal of 3.5 per cent economic growth in fiscal 1992 without stock market rescue measures. He predicted a slowdown in growth to 2.7 percent instead.

n Tuesday. delivered a swift and clear Leaders of the ruling Liberal message of dissatisfaction by

The Tokyo stock market has

dropping more than five per are expected to be down by at cent of its value in the last two least 10 per cent for fiscal ket. Tamisuke Watanuki, the days. Yoshihisa Kitai, an econ-LDP secretary general, said he omist at Long Term Credit Bank, said: "That was a seridiscuss the possibility of new ous sell-off yesterday. There middle of the year. Pessimism were almost no buyers. Volume was higher than it has been for a while at around 350 million transactions."

> not surprised at the continuing slump in the market. ratios in a year's time. They "Given the fact that the economy is at its weakest level for decades, the stock market will remain around the 17,000-18,000 level for some time. Some market analysts are predicting a slump to 15,000: others, favouring a "Doomsday theory", are looking at a level of 10,000. Although manufacturing

production levels are still de-

creasing and corporate profits

1991, Mr Kitai predicts that the decline in the economy may reach its low point in the remains deeply entrenched. however, in the financial services sector, especially among banks, which are expected to Mr Kitai added that he is meet Bank of International Settlements capital adequacy have calculated that to achieve required asset ratios, the Nikkei average must have reached 26,000 or over.

Some are anticipating a Nikkei index of about 21,000 by the time the March 1993 BIS deadline falls, and will be forced to issue subordinated debt to make up their ratios. Their next problem will lie in finding buyers for their subor-dinated debt. Mieno: emergency move



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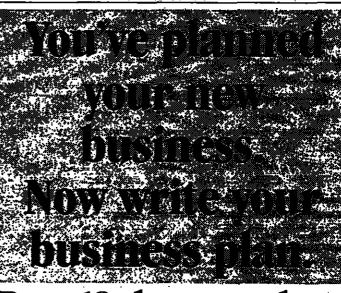
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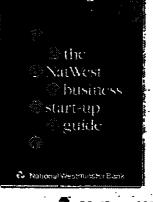
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Personnel Section, Division of Administration
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Room 266, United Nations Office at Geneva

### Labour muddle on privatisation

COMMENT

hatever his political hue, the next occupant of No 11 Downing Street will not be blind to the attractions of selling the government's remaining stakes in BT, National Power and PowerGen. John Smith, the shadow chancellor, appeared to contradict Neil Kinnock, Labour's leader, yesterday when he said Labour had yet to decide on the issue. Earlier remarks from Mr Kinnock had been interpreted to signal Labour's willingness to complete the privatisations. Why might that be?

The first imperative would, of course, be financial. Privarisation receipts help moderate Britain's fastexpanding public sector borrowing requirement. In the year just begun, privatisation receipts are expected to reach £8 billion. These will largely comprise instalment payments from purchasers of shares in the Scottish power companies, the regional electricity supply companies in England and Wales, and in BT. In 1993-4, however, only the E835 million third call on buyers of Scottish electricity shares, and some debt repayments, can be relied upon. Yet the Treasury's Red Book forecasts privatisation receipts of £5.5 billion next year and a similar sum in 1994-5. Selling the government's remaining 22 per cent of BT, to bring in 64 billion at current prices, and the 40 per cent in each of the generators, now worth £1.6 billion in total, would help finance any government's capital programme. Labour has a precedent. In 1977, a Labour administration sold a 17.2 per cent stake in British

und-raising aside, it would be harmful for government to keep the shares. In both power generation and telecoms, a combination of competition and regulation is beginning to win benefits for customers. A government stake in either sector might be used to restrain market forces and regulatory pressure for change, especially if Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, has his way and forces government nominees on to the PowerGen board. Such pressure is necessary, especially in the immature electricity market. Thanks to productivity gains at British Coal, which provides most of the generators' fuel, PowerGen says contract power prices have been cut by 6 per cent, in real terms, in the past two years.

The regional supply companies (Recs), however, have swallowed much of that benefit in increased profits. The current-cost rate of return at the Recs averages 9.5 per cent. At flotation the government envisaged a return of about 6.25 per cent, a whisker above what Sir James McKinnon has concluded appropriate for that other great semi-monopoly, British Gas. The return at the generators is about 3.3 per cent, while the Scots companies are within sight of the flotation target. If the Recs' returns on their core businesses remain high, the next government, whatever its complexion, will want the regulator to curb them.

That could bring more, and welcome, downward pressure on power prices, though any resulting lower costs might be offset by Labour moves to slow the decline of British Coal by restricting imports, and Labour would need to allow higher returns to the generators to finance the investment in clean coal technology and other anti-pollution equipment that continued high coal use would require

A similar argument applies at BT, where Mercury and others, abetted by Oftel, the telecoms regulator, are at last eroding BT's monopoly. A government that intends to sell shares in a utility may hesitate to bring full regulatory pressure to bear until it has reaped its windfall. A government that cannot decide upon a sale might hesitate over regulation for ever. That would be to the detriment of the companies, and their shareholders, as well as

### Property men find there is no hiding place from the slump

Matthew Bond says the severity, spread

and duration of the property recession

are responsible for

the growing damage revor Osborne, the chairman of Speyhawk, was in

the sort of philosophical mood that the narrowly averted variety of disaster so often "I built up the company from nothing when I knew nothing, but I now have a great deal of experience so it should be easier second time around." Prompting this introspec-tion was the unhappy fact that while 27 years in the property business had left Mr Osborne older and wiser. Speyhawk was once again worth nothing. Indeed it was worth

a good deal less than nothing. Provisions of £205 million, largely against the value of its City office development portfolio, had resulted in the company, one of the former stars of the property sector, incurring a £217 million loss and a negative net worth of about £70 million. Technically insolvent, Speyhawk's one consolation was that a successful refinancing of £300 million of debt had bought Mr Osborne four years in which to make good the massive damage.

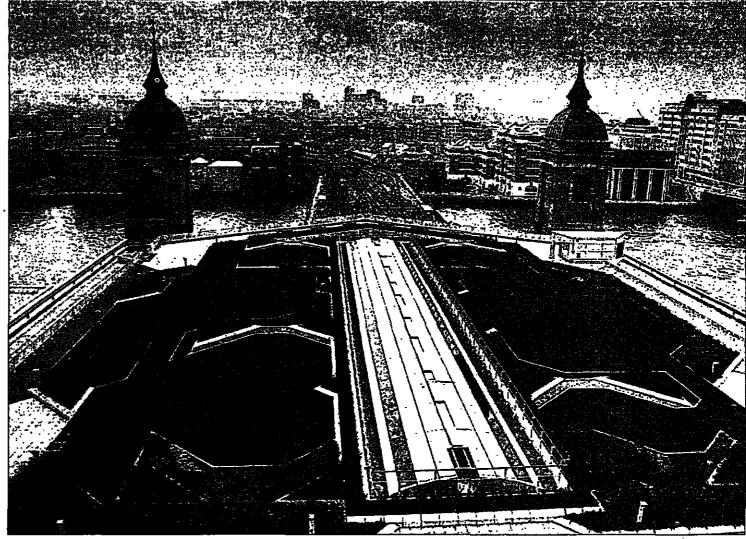
The life support system had been switched on, but there was really no mistaking that the great property crash of the Nineties had claimed another victim. The reaction of the stock market was as interesting as the scale of the Speyhawk losses was alarming. Bar the near 80 per cent fall in Speyhawk's shares, the property sector reacted with a war-weariness that suggests it is past counting its dead and wounded.

By contrast, the marked reaction of the banking sector points to an area where the serious counting has only just begun. With property companies hauling up the white flag. seemingly on a weekly basis, the damage to banks is promising to be immense. The £40 billion of debt that has dogged the property sector for the past three years may be about to become an ever bigger problem for those who lent it.

Three aspects of the property recession are responsible for the growing damage — its severity, its spread and, perhaps most important, its sheer duration. Each on its own might be survivable. The combination, for many companies, is not.

As Gerald Ronson, of Heron International, reminded his staff at the start of the week, the property market is used to cycles. But, he said, there is something different about the current parlous state of the market. "The difference now is that this property recession is deeper than anything that anyone in business today can remember. We have seen nothing like it before."

The problems at Speyhawk are testimony to the severity of the reces-sion, particularly in the devastated City office market. Jones Lang



Home for Liffe: Speyhawk's Cannon Bridge development, with its rose garden, still has 200,000 sq ft to let

Wootton estimates that vacancy rates in what it terms the "greater City" are already at 18 per cent and should hit an unprecedented level of 20 per cent by the end of this year. With supply far outstripping recession-hit demand, both rents on new lettings and capital values have fallen sharply, with prime rents down by about one-third and values down between 18 and 20 per cent.

That last figure relates to buildings fortunate enough to have a tenant. For buildings still in the course of construction or finished but unlet the damage is far more acute. With the interest charge clock ticking relentlessly, empty buildings are just an invitation to lose money and lots of it.

Wates City of London, a company with the dual misfortune of both owning and building offices within the Square Mile, provided an indication of the scale of the damage last month, when it wrote down the value of its development portfolio by 44 per cent. This week, Speyhawk faced an even more unpalatable truth, as it became clear that its two big City developments were worth half of what they had cost to build.

Worse still is the damage done by development sites, where the opportunity has been paid for - often in the final heady days of the Eighties - but the process of construction has not yet begun. Speyhawk is unlikely to be alone in making write downs of more than 75 per cent against such properties. Every bit as important as the severity of the property slump is its lack of discrimination. When the first signs began to emerge that the property party was over, untold numbers of experts expounded theories about the right sort of property, or the right area to be in, to survive this brief period of adjustment. Now most of those experts are redundant as sector after sector, region after region and country after country have all succumbed to the relentless downward pull. The simple truth is that in this particular slump, there is

ecent events have confirmed that. In Britain, one of the safest bets for riding out recession was industrial property and, to some modest extent, it may have been. Yet, last week, Slough Estates, one of Britain's largest industrial land-lords, announced E37 million of development provisions and, but for £52 million of capitalised interest, would have reported a pre-tax loss of £20 million in 1991. A day later. Heron International announced it was holding talks with its bankers over its £1.3 billion of debt. Ahead of this week's meeting, Heron's losses were being estimated at between £100 million and £150 million.

Geographically, the property slide is also gradually becoming all consuming. Canary Wharf, the London

office development, has been widely blamed for the problems at Olympia & York, its Canadian developer. But O&Y's cash-flow problem is as much to do with the severe difficulties its New York and Toronto properties have faced. A company the size of O&Y would take a downturn in one of its principal markets in its stride. Even two should only slow it down. But when all three countries go into sharp reverse, even O&Y has to turn to its banks as it will on Monday.

Last, but most damaging, is the duration of the property slump. For the past three years, valuers and auditors have valiantly, if imprudently, papered over the ever-widening cracks in property company balance sheets and, latterly, revenue accounts. Now that the slump is well into its third year, with little sign of any early recovery, their collective nerve has cracked. Temporary reductions in value are easily lost in property company results. but permanent reductions demand to be addressed. Hence the sometimes eyebrow-raising difference between end-1990 valuations and their upto-date counterparts.

Borrowings stubbornly refuse to go away, so the geared impact of these sharp reductions in value can be an even sharper reduction in net worth, often the key component in a banking covenant. Once those covenants are broken, the debt becomes as much a problem for the bank as it is for the property company. Not that the banks have any more idea how to solve property's problems than the so-called specialists did. All they can do is hope that the level of provisions against their property loan book is keeping up with the fall in property values. Whether the banks have fully appreciated the seriousness and extent of the current situation is a moot point. Past experience is not encouraging.

In the meantime, the banks approach is simply to extract the best possible terms for a refinancing that gives the property market time to sort the problem out itself. The four years given to Speyhawk to sort out its £300 million of debt is just the latest in a growing line of such deals between banks and desperate clients, including a two-year deal at Rosehaugh, where £310 million of debt is involved, and the five-year refinancing at Brent Walker, where so much of the £1.5 billion of debt related originally to property deals. Today, Heron will hope to move

a nive-year restructu its £1.3 billion borrowings. While on Monday, O&Y executives in Toronto will get down to preliminary talks on what appears be the mother of all property refinancings with up to \$20 billion of debt involved. Others will doubtless follow. What the property companies get out of such deals is clear. They win time. From the banks' point of view, it is difficult to see such deals as anything but the postponement of massive losses.

### THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### The high price of defence

CITY public relations men, other than those employed by Brunswick and College Hill Associates, the two advisers to Redland and Steetley, were agog last night at the size of the fees reputed to have been invoiced for the defence PR work. According to industry sources, College Hill, run by the suave Alex Sandberg — at present away on a family skiing holiday - presented a bill of £700,000 to Steetley's new parent, Redland. It is believed that that bill was subsequently reduced to a figure closer to £300,000 after the deduction of advertising spend - still £100,000 more than might have been expected, even though it was acknowledged to have been a particularly slick campaign. Andrew Grant, of Brunswick. denied reports that Robert Napier, Redland's chief executive, was "tearing his hair out" over the size of the bill. "All the bills have already been paid, in line with contractural arrangements. The Steetley defence cost £10 million and it was up to Steetley's advisers to decide how much to spend on PR and all their arrangements have been honoured. There is no dispute," he said sounding decidedly perturbed.

### Offshore diver

THE seven-year itch has finally got to Diana Gourlay. aged 29, who has been trading bonds at Barings for the last three years, after a fouryear stint at Hoare Govett. Gourlay, who is footloose and single, is packing her Scuba diving kit and heading for



"I'd like to insure against an increase in premiums"

Florida in May to train as a salvage diver. Colleagues at Barings say they will miss her. According to one, she is "six feet tall and noisy with it". The fish in the Gulf of Mexico had better watch out.

No one's tool THE 2,800 staff at Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society received an April Fool's gift of a chocolate cream egg to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Andrew Longhurst becoming its chief executive. During his tenure, the society has moved from twelfth largest to sixth largest and its assets have increased renfold from £1.4 billion to £14.8 billion. At a cost of £700 for the 2.800 eggs — at 28p each - the balance sheet is unlikely to be adversely affected by his celebratory

### Fortune seeker

JOHN Alexander, recovery partner of KPMG, has an unusual rendezvous at-Holloway prison this month

with "Lady" Rosie Aberdour, convicted last week of stealing £2.5 million from the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. Alexander has the job of tracking down Aberdour's assets which include a Bentley, helicopter, grand piano and a wardrobe of Norman Hartnell clothes. Alexander is not unfamiliar with high-profile cases. In 1990, he was responsible for recovering assets of Elizabeth Browne, exwife of John Browne, who was the Conservative MP for Winchester, after she agreed to make a divorce settlement

### Trigger for recovery TOP finance directors, surprisingly unphased by the

payment to her husband.

prospect of a Labour win, are predicting a return to the boom conditions of the Eighties in early 1994, according to a survey of 300 finance directors by Harrison Willis, the legal and financial recruitment consultant. More than 60 per cent are predict-ing a considerable recovery at the start of 1993, while 98 per cent are looking forward to the return of boom conditions within two years. Hardpressed businessmen, however, should not become too over excited by these findings. Harrison Willis admits that in all of its surveys throughout the recession, respondents have tended to focus on an event - currently the election and have predicted that it will act as trigger for recovery some six months ahead. "It always seems to be six months away." Ken Robson, marketing consultant at Harrison

### Taurus protects the investor

From the Chairman of the London Stock Exchange

Sir, Mr Bear raises some important issues in his letter about the safety of private In designing and develop-

ing the Taurus system, both we and the government have tion as being of paramount importance. The new system does not put securities into nominee names, as Mr Bear suggests. In fact, the system enables all investors to have their names recorded on the company's register more easily and quickly than at present, although many may prefer to continue to use nominees for administrative

Stealing, as Mr Bear notes, will always be with us. The

£20,000 respectively, their net income would apparently

£1,590 less. Going up the scale of

ears to increase. Thus, where a husband and wife are

sures to protect against fraud and theft that would be impossible to apply to the exist-ing paper-based system. The major risk in the transfer of securities is between the deal being struck and the transfer being reported to and recorded by the company. It is precisely this risk that the new transfer system is designed to

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Mr Bear's advice to private investors is well intentioned but wide of the mark. Taurus heralds the beginning of new and better protection for investors and will make dealing through the London Stock Exchange safer than before. Yours faithfully, ANDREW HUGH SMITH.

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Chairman. London Stock Exchange,

be £41,215, whereas if the

husband alone was earning

£60,000, the family's net in-

come would be £35.690, a

differential of £5,525 between

couples with the same total

I suppose that some differ-

ential in these circumstances

is inevitable. On the Conser-

vative Budget figures, the

differentials in the cases cited

would apparently be £418

and £1,952 respectively. Per-

haps, also, there are too few

families adversely affected to

make the point of any polit-

ical significance and, in any

event, families on the level of

net income concerned will

manage. However, I would

suggest that the effect of

Labour's proposals is, in this

respect, inequitable.

Yours faithfully,

41 Corder Road,

Ipswich, Suffolk,

A. S. OWEN,

gross income.

### Tax anomalies

From Mr A. S. Owen Sir, Looking at the figures compiled by KPMG Peat Marwick (Business News, March 17), it appears that Labour's tax proposals can produce anomalous results. A married couple, both working, with husband earning £20,000 and the wife £15,000, with one child, will have a net income of £26.358, including child benefit. A couple where the husband alone is working and earning E35,000 but with two children, will have a net income of £24,768. Thus the family with an identical gross income but potentially greater commitments than the other will have a net income of

earnings, the differential app-CAROL LEONARD | earning £40,000 and

### BT Chargecard is good value Taurus system includes mea-From the Director of

Service Development, British Telecom

Sir, Mr John Kirkwood comments (Weekend Money, March 28) on the pricing of BT Chargecard calls at public phonebox rates. This is indeed the charging basis, as is made clear in all our literature on the BT Chargecard

In illustrating this, howev-er, Mr Kirkwood falls into the very trap to which he refers in the other part of his letter. that is the "standard three minute call". By contrast with his example, a one and a half minute phone call is still one unit when dialled direct (approximately 5p, including VAT), while this call with a Chargecard would also be only one phonebox unit (10p, including VAT).

During the past months, we have also removed a 20p service charge per direct-dialled Chargecard call and this has no doubt gone some way to help the doubling of BT Chargecards in issue to over a million, and the huge surge in usage. Meanwhile, we have made major investments in expanding the Chargecard system capacity and in improving features for customers, which we will continue throughout the current year.

Yours faithfully, TONY VARDY. Director, Service Development. British Telecom. New Garden House. 78 Hatton Garden.

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### Danger of EC 'democratic deficit'

From the MEP for Dorset East and Hampshire West and the Chairman of the Industry Section, EC Economic and Social Committee

Sir, The diagram attached to Wolfgang Münchau's article (Business News, March 13) on European Community social legislation may give a misleading impression. If the Maastricht Treaty and its accompanying Social Proto-col are ratified, there will be two legislative routes for "social" legislation but neither

will be as indicated on the

chart.

Under the Treaty of Rome, both the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee are required to give "Opinions" on draft directives issued by the commission. The commission issues its draft legislation prior to its referral for examination by the European Parliament and Ecosoc. not afterwards as the diagram incorrectly shows. This procedure will remain unchanged. The second route through the "Social Protocol" attached to the Maastricht Union Treaty provides for collective social agreements to be agreed within a nine-month time limit by the social partners. This route would circumvent both the European Parliament and the Economic and

Social Committee entirely. Who should make up the social partners is not specified but it must be assumed that these will be Unice (Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe) and the ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation). Neither is truly representative of the whole body of European employers and workers respectively but more of the big battalions. If used, this route could lead to the imposition on Community businesses of rules resulting from agreements to which they have not been a party but

which have been made in

their name. Such a procedure

would deepen the "democratic deficit" in the EC. Yours faithfully, BRYAN CASSIDY, and ANN ROBINSON. Institute of Directors.

116 Pall Mall, SWI.

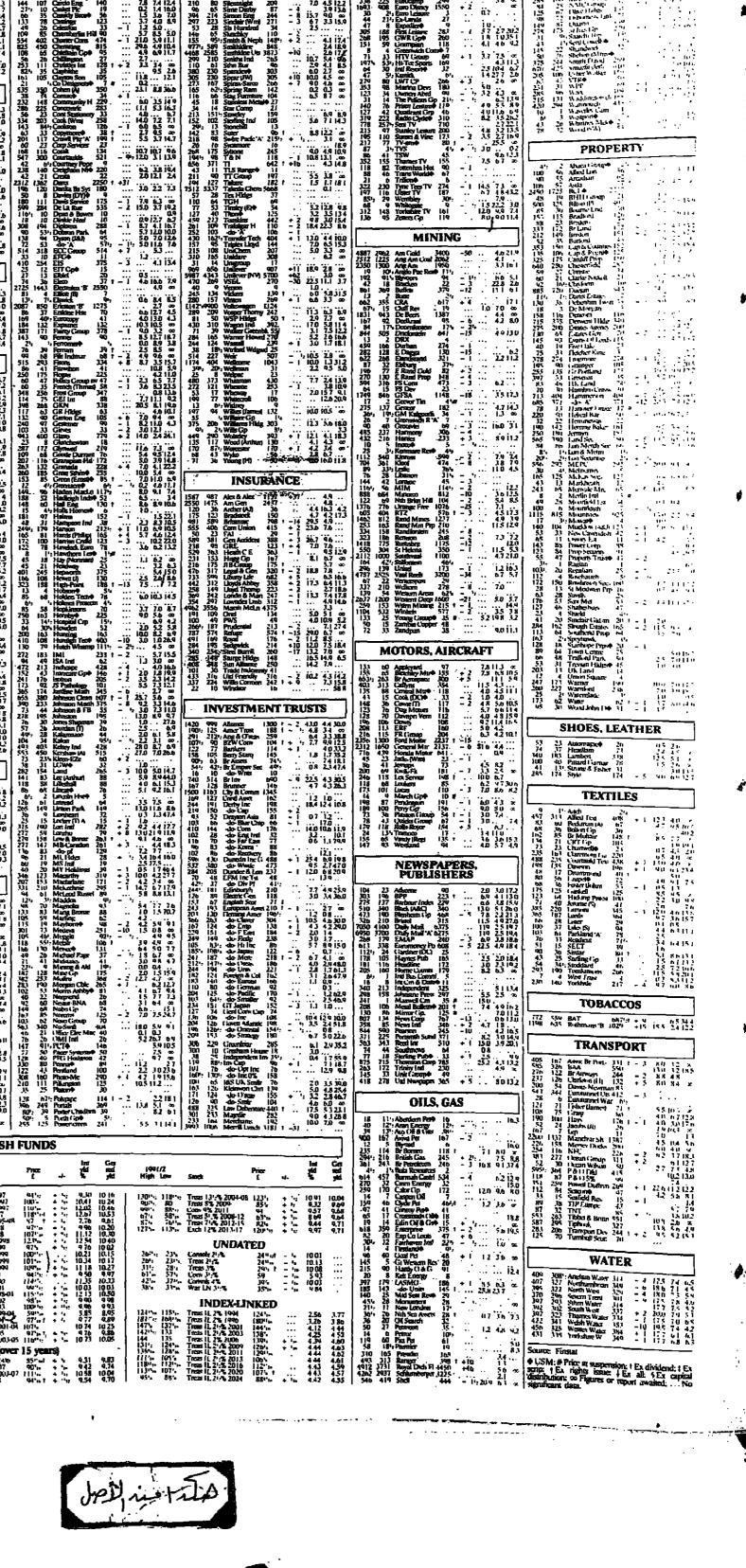
### Self-employed tax

From Mr Alex Cameron Sir, I am grateful to Anatole Kaletsky (Business News. March 30) for manifesting his opinion that the selfemployed (myself included) are only sheep, to be taxed or not at the whim of an incom-

ing Labour chancellor. However, since his knowledge is so omnipotent. I am slightly puzzled that he is unaware that I will certainly offer my services overseas very quickly, should such an eventuality occur. I would also assure him that I am not alone in this intention. The self-employed generally do not enjoy the luxury of "time and a half' for overtime and are already little motivated on a 40 per cent tax band for extra effort.

I certainly have no intention of, effectively, working midnight shifts for Mr Kaletsky, Mr John Smith, or anyone else, under a circumstance of penal taxation and rapidly diminishing returns. In either event, perhaps Mr Kaletsky should now acknowledge that higher marginal tax rates mean less GNP and less tax collected. They certainly do in my own little economy.

Yours faithfully, ALEX CAMERON. 15 Hays Mews,



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PROPERTY

## T&C votes for merger with the Woolwich

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

MORE than 200 members of the Town & Country Building Society questioned its board for over two hours yesterday before voting overwhelmingly in favour of a merger with the

Woolwich Building Society.
About a fifth of the society's 220,000 savers voted by post with 44,248 or 98.6 per cent in favour and only 620 against. Of the 55,000 borrowers 7,051 voted for the merger and 164 against.

Members who travelled to the Connaught Rooms in London were told that the 15th largest society would have to close its doors, cease trading and its assets be liquidated if the merger did not go ahead. This would involve a long wait for payment by members.

After the merger, which takes place at close of business on May 1, savers will receive a 0.5 per cent bonus. Borrowers will be able to redeem mortgages without penalty

penalty.

Lord Cornwallis, the 70year-old chairman of the society, was called on by Andrew
Bingham, a solicitor from
Leicester, to apologise to the
members for the mess the

Mr Bingham said after the meeting that the society had taken greater risks than other societies by taking on "high-rate, high-risk business and

by self-insuring".

The society had not taken out indemnity cover for loans of 80 per cent or more of the value. This indemnity cover is currently costing insurance companies billions of pounds. Town & Country had to stand its own losses. Mr Bingham

also asked Lord Cornwallis about his membership of the committee of a housing association that failed, leaving the society to repossess a housing

development.

Lord Cornwallis said he had no personal involvement with the association. It was based in the village where he

An accountant, who did not give his name, questioned the way £3 million of deferred tax asset was carried forward in the accounts. He said that he was considering taking the matter further. Lord Cornwallis was also asked how many of the eight members of the board would be moving to the Woolwich and how many were Freemasons. The answers were none and two himself and John Castleman.

Town & Country said afterwards that if the £3 million had not been included in the accounts of the society, it would have had to be included in the notes on the accounts as the Woolwich will get the benefit of it.

The rescue of the society was arranged by the Building Societies Commission at the beginning of November when it was leaked that a team of accountants had moved in to investigate the size of its losses.

It made losses of £43 million in 1991 after making provisions of £60 million. The Woolwich plans to close 40 of the 78 branches. A substantial number of the T&C staff will lose their jobs, but their pensions will be safe. Lord Cornwallis said that he had received reassurance on this as late as March 18.

### Gardner passes payout

BY MARTIN BARROW

DC GARDNER Group, the financial training and consultancy group, is passing its ordinary dividend for 1991 after incurring annual pretax losses of £3.76 million. The company is also unable to meet full payment of £250,000 due to preference shareholders because of a shortfall in distributable re-

At the time of the £4.1 million rights issue in June, Gardner promised a total dividend of 3.75p a share, against a payment of 4.5p in 1990. However, the company warned that the dividend was under review in December when it announced the sale of ATC Chart, the loss-making accountancy training sub-

sidiary.

There was an exceptional charge of £3.34 million against restructuring and rationalisation costs. Overall loss—was reduced to £1.09 million by a £2.41 million surplus on the sale of ATC Chart. The disposal reduced gearing to 40 per cent, compared with 183 per cent at the end of 1990. The company is to apply for courf approval of a reduction in the share premium account, eliminating the deficit on the profit and loss account and enabling the payment of an interim dividend for the cur-

### Claim by Oyston awaited

By MARTIN WALLER

TRANS WORLD Communications, a local radio operator that ousted Owen Oyston, the Lancastrian millionaire, as chairman last year, is awaiting a £404,000 compensation claim from Mr Oyston. It intends, however,

to refuse any payout.

Michael Connolly, finance director, said the company had taken legal advice over Mr Oyston's contract. "The contractual terms aren't such that if he resigned, which he did, he would be entitled to compensation," Mr Connolly

Mr Oyston resigned before last July's annual meeting. He seemed certain to lose a vote called by dissident shareholders demanding his departure. Other executives also resigned, including Julian Allitt, the former managing director. The 1991 accounts will reveal that he has settled for £114,000 in compensation. In total, management changes cost £253,000, taken

as an exceptional item.

Trans World yesterday announced pre-tax losses for the year to December 31 of £1.15 million, an improvement on the £1.84 million lost in 1990. John Whitney, who replaced Mr Oyston as chairman, said the company looked forward "with guarded optimism" to a return to profit this year.

### Li Ka-shing leaves Hongkong Bank

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

LI Ka-shing, head of Hutchison Whampoa group and Hong Kong's wealthiest businessman, is to step down from the board of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp and parent HSBC Holdings.

The bank said Mr Li, aged 64, had been a non-executive director since 1980 and non-executive deputy chairman since 1985. He was "retiring to devote more time to his other business and personal interests". A spokesman added that the tycoon had wished to step down for some time because he was extremely busy.

Mr Li's departure from the bank comes at a time when the group is under criticism from China for planning to take over Midland Bank. a move that would make it more of a UK-based group



Li Ka-shing: busy

than a quasi-central bank of the colony. Peking is concerned that the deal would not benefit Hongkong Bank shareholders, and would shift the bank's assets abroad.

Also retiring from the board of the Hongkong Bank are David Gledhill, a non-executive director since 1988, and Frank Frame, group legal adviser since 1977.

### Dawsongroup drives into the black



Outpacing the recession: Peter Dawson, the chairman and chief executive

By PHILIP PANGALOS

DAWSONGROUP returned to profit at year-end, despite difficult trading conditions. Reduced interest costs and improved rental margins helped the truck and trailer rental company to pre-tax profits of £1.13 million in the year to end-December. against a loss of £392,000 last time.

Peter Dawson, the chairman and chief executive, said the result was "a respectable achievement in very demanding circumstances". He added that businesses resisted moves to invest or enter into long-term commitments that led to a 23 per cent fall in new commercial vehicle sales and poor demand for contract hire.

The closure of Dawsoncar

was largely responsible for a drop in turnover to £43.7 million, against £48.3 million last time. The rentals division reversed 1990's loss of £993,000, making a pre-tax profit of £982,000, with a 4 per cent rise in revenue despite the "severe" market conditions. Net interest payments were cut to £5.13 million, against £6.72 million.

An unchanged single dividend of 1.5p is recommended for the year. Earnings stood at 2.7p a share, against a deficit of 1.1p last time. The shares rose 8p to 84p.

### Homes market slows London & Manchester

By Jonathan Prynn

LOSSES on residential mortgage and estate agency operations have pushed pre-tax profits at London & Manchester Group, the insurance and financial services company, down by 4 per cent to £21.2 million for the year to

end December.

John Thomson, the chairman, said: "In overall profit terms, an excellent performance by the group's core life and pensions businesses was diluted by the poor performance of the non-insurance activities."

Profits from life and pensions rose from £22 million to £25.6 million. New annual premiums for the life assurance business were up by 20 per cent. But, the non-insurance activities reported a loss of £2.05 million, compared with a £1.3 million profit. Biggest single lossmaker was the 93-branch residential estate agency chain, which made a trading loss of £2.8 million (£1.4 million loss). The commercial property agency made a small trading

profit. The group is withdrawing from commercial mortgage broking.

A strategic review of the group's residential mortgage activities was carried out earlier this year and the decision taken to restrict new mortgage lending to staff mortgages and further advances to existing customers. The portfolio of loans was £580 million at the year-end. The residential mortgage operations made provisions of £5.7 million against payment difficulties and falling property prices, and incurred a trading loss of £0.2 million £0.4

million profit).

Commercial mortgage operations made a trading profit of £0.5 million. A net charge of £11.4 million against losses on commercial mortgage and property development loans was made below the line as an extraordinary item. Profits attributal to shareholders fell from £16.6 million to £4 million. A repeat 9.144p final makes 13.572p (13.32p).

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The EC offers small firms aid in a bid to improve the trade balance with the land of the rising sun

### Three ways to help Britain **boost exports**

BY SALLY WATTS

SMALL companies with Japan in their sights have the opportunity of three training programmes. All are subsidised by the European Commission and last 11 weeks, 16 weeks or 18 months. The longest, which is the Executive Training Programme (ETP), provides about 90,000 exts (£60,000) for tuition and living expenses for each successful candidate. This needs some topping up by the sponsoring company. The com-mission stresses that company size is less important than the size of the likely export results.

It is keen to help smaller firms find their feet in the Japanese market or accelerate growth in exports by adding a language-trained executive to the marketing mix". The 11-week and 16-week programmes are for senior managers, aged 35 and over, with at least ten years' professional experi-ence. They could be working in a Japanese-oriented, small, medium or large enterprise in the industrial. trade or service sectors. The programmes will be fea-

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Courses are geared to professional engineers and managers. Each programme includes basic language tuition, social culture and industrial structure, plus specialised training and field trips tailored to individual needs. The commission, which has developed programmes with the Japanese government, pays for all training, tuition and teaching materials.

Travel, accommodation and living expenses are paid by the participating company. The monthly costs are between £2,100 and £2,780. There are some scholarships for smaller firms.

Applications for all 1993 programmes should be made by July.

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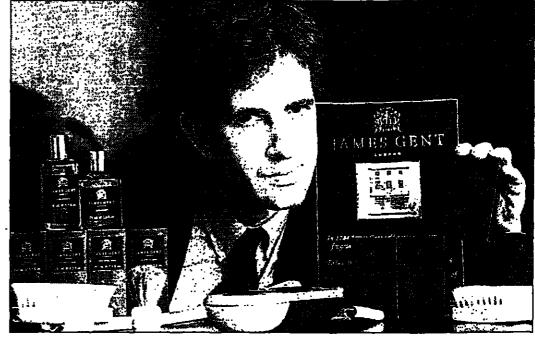
WHEN a small company's profits come mainly from one country, it is as well to be conversant with that country's language (Sally Watts writes). This is why, in May, lain Allison, the chief executive of a company specialising in male grooming products, will set off for 18 months in Japan to study the language, culture and approach to business management.

He is one of seven managers from Britain, and 58 from the single market, selected for the European Commission's 1992 Executive Training Programme. This is designed to help improve Europe's trade balance with Japan by increasing exports.

Candidates must be aged 25 to 37, working in small, medium or large enterprises in an EC country. James Gent, Mr Allison's firm, has six employees.

The business started with a £20.000 bank loan, now repaid, plus £100,000 in outside investment. Gent's 17-strong range of toiletries includes soaps, shaving soaps in wooden bowls, shaving creams and aftershave. They are exported to Italy, America and Canada. However, Japan is the main market, accounting for a high proportion of the firm's £145,000 annual turnover.

The Kenshi Cosmetic Company, which opened a James Gent fran-



Opening trade doors with the EC's executive training programme: Iain Allison of James Gent

and its agreement with the firm. anese-owned companies. The pro-Mr Allison's course begins on June 1. For the next year, he will spend 35 hours a week in intensive language tuition at an established school in Tokyo, plus home study. This will be followed by six months' work experience with Jap-

gramme, which includes field trips and visits, will be punctuated by language exams after six, 12 and 18 months.

Mr Allison, aged 32, says: "We could never have afforded this type of training without the EC, but

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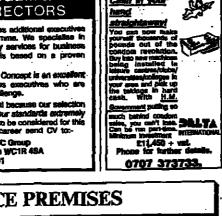
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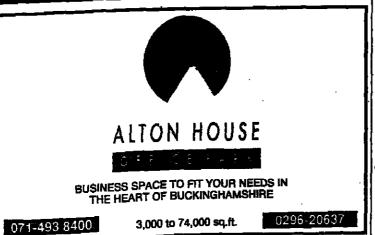
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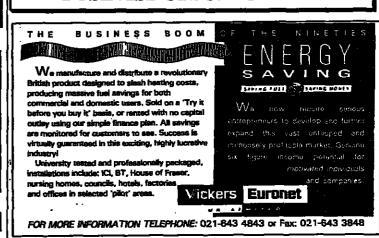
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### Phone rivals in line for a licence

The competition to provide telecommunications should lower prices and improve the service, Peter Purton writes

The race is on to become Britain's third telephone company. On Monday. Michael Davis, the founder and chairman of National Network, said his company had been promised a licence by the trade and industry department within about a month. More licences are likely to follow soon and should bring lower prices and

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The department has received licence applications from 29 companies or consortia since Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, published his white paper on the future of telecommunications last year.

Most of the Tory government's deregulatory success before the white paper had been in areas peripheral to the basic telephone service, such as mobile communications, value-added services and terminal equipment. Promoting competition in the core area has been more of a problem.

BT has steadily reduced prices. but not by as much as telecommunications groups in other leading industrial countries. Some prices have risen above these of European countries that have retained state-owned providers.

Mercury Communications. which was meant to be BT's rival. has not done as much for mediumsized and small businesses or domestic users as the government had hoped.

The white paper was intended to rectify this, and its first effects, including National Network's pending licence, are beginning to emerge. Mr Davis says: "It is a full licence. We can do everything that BT and Mercury do in Britain."

Previously, Mr Davis founded Windsor Cable Television, one of Britain's most successful cable television network operations and a pioneer in the use of cable connections to feed a telephone service to private households.

Since founding National Network two years ago, he has managed to make a business from reselling telephone and data communications capacity on the Post Office's countrywide private network to middle and large business users, up. to 30 per cent more cheaply than BT.

By getting a licence to build and operate his own national telecom-munications network, Mr Davis believes he will be able to offer discounts to smaller businesses and eventually, via cable television networks, to home subscribers. By 1996, Mr Davis says, National Network should have 4 per cent of the market for "fixed" rather than mobile telecommunications.

Mr Davis is considering invest-ing £150 million in building a national microwave and fibre-optic infrastructure, linking Britain's 25 large conurbations. "We now operate 30 digital nodes throughout Britain on the Post Office network," he says. "Whenever we see that a route is getting congested we will put in an optical fibre link to

substitute for the existing network."

Mr Davis believes this growth. assisted by plans to lease rather than buy hardware wherever possible, will give National Network an edge over rivals such as British Rail Telecommunications (BRT), which also hopes to become Britain's third telephone company.

eter Borer, BRT's managing director, disagrees. The company lodged an application for a licence similar to National Network's last month. "We already have a substantial business. Last year's turn-over was £125 million," Mr Borer says. He admits he has only one customer but that is British Rail. which provides £30 million of revenue from its 10,000 private circuits alone, about 4 per cent of Britain's leased line business.

BR's voice traffic generates another £50 million - 0.5 per cent of the UK market - and BRT also



Looking forward: Michael Davis, the chairman of National Network, who wants his company to be the third telephone provider

perates a data network linking 600 local area networks and sup-porting 30,000 data terminals, a nationwide mobile radio network with 8,000 users, a national telex network, a fax network, broadcast links and an electronic messaging

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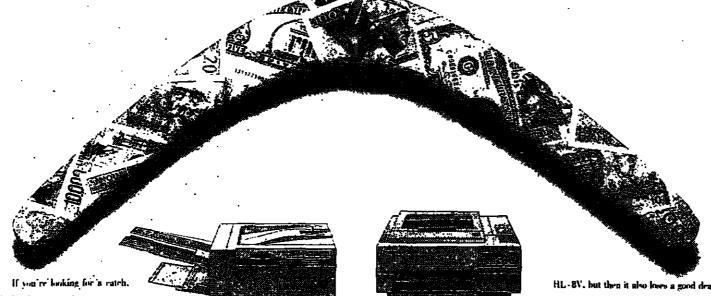
Ionica L3, of Cambridge, headed by Nigel Playford, also wants to gain a licence to provide a national telephone service based on fixed radio connections. Millicom Holdings, a subsidiary of Millicom Inc. the American mobile communica-tions company, intends to offer high-capacity information links, also using radio technologies.

The 135 or more cable television network operators believe they have a natural advantage when providing the end connection for a telephone service. Many of them. such as Windsor Cable, are already offering telephone services.

Britain's original third telephone company, Kingston Communications, which, by a quirk of history, retained the right to operate the telephone network in the Hull area. wants to broaden its horizons. Since Wednesday Kingston has been the owner of a private telegiven Kingston its first national operation, albeit not as a network

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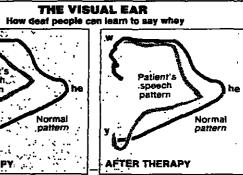
The system, on which pat-ents have just been filed, is the brainchild of engineers at the Robotics Research Group in Oxford University's engineering department. The researchers, led by James Reynolds and Lionel Tarassenko, have tested the system with hear-



ing-impaired people and those with normal hearing. The results are encouraging. At the heart of the Visual Ear is a neural network computer system, which attempts to copy the workings of the human brain and has been trained to recognise the fea-

vowels and fricatives. The computer has been "trained" with sounds made by normal male and female speakers of different ages and with different accents.

When a deaf person speaks into a microphone the computer analyses the speech,



plotting the pattern as a colour-coded line on a screen. The researchers hope the Visual Ear will offer a simpler and more accurate alternative to electropalatography, a technique in which an artificial palate is fitted into a deaf person's mouth and wired to

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### Criminals move into cyberspace

Computer crime is only just starting. Mick Hurrell informs on the thieves who

have found an area of operation that

can maximise their chances of success

The hacker and the virus programmer embodied the popular notion of computer crime in the 1980s, and they are still the most widely known criminal acts in

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computer technology.

The advent of new technologies over the past decade has created a whole new casebook of serious crimes, but they have yet to gain the notoriety of computer viruses such as Friday 13th or Michelangelo. More then 3,000 computer crimes around the world in the past 20 years have now been documented by SRI International (SRII), a Californian information security consultancy. They include attempted murder, fraud, theft, sabotage, espionage, extortion,

conspiracy and ransom collection.

Against this disturbing background, Donn Parker, SRII's senior international security consultant, is telling businesses they will be under increasing attack from sophisticated criminals using computer technology and from others intent on causing disruption.

"New technology brings new opportunities for crime," he says.

"We must anticipate future types of crime in our security efforts before they become serious problems." His prospective list ranges from the annoying to the fraudulent, and

computer theft, desktop forg-ery, digital imtronic mail ter-

in the world' graffiti attacks, electronic data interchange fraud. and placement of unauthorised

equipment in networks. Some of these crimes are more obvious than others. The advanced digital imaging systems now being used in the television and film industry to create spectacular special effects, for example, could become a new target for crime. As digital imaging can alter video images seamlessly, the possibilities for sophisticated fraud are

The theft of small computers and components has already increased. "I think it will be worse than the typewriter theft problem of the 1970s and 1980s," Mr Parker says. We are now teaching information-security people that they have to learn how to protect small objects of high value. The content of the computers could be more valuable than the hardware itself.

"I do not think the criminal community is yet aware of a computer's value other than on the used equipment market, but ultimately some are going to figure out that the contents — the data — are more valuable, which could lead to information being used for

Desktop forgery is another crime that looks certain to boom and plague businesses of all types. Desktop publishing software, combined with the latest colour laser printers and photocopiers, is proving an ideal forger's tool. Gone is the dingy cellar with printing plates and press forgers can work from comfortable offices or their own homes and produce more accurate fakes than ever before.

Original documents can be fed into a computer using a scanner, then subtly altered before being printed out. The criminal can ments such as purchase orders be anywhere and invoices are obvious targets for the forgers, as are

> quality of a forgery is now limited only by the paper on which it is Mr Parker says: "As the technology gets cheaper and more avail-able, this is something that could

But although many of these new forms of computer crime bring with them the possibility of increased business losses, one threat over-shadows them all. "The big security FOR A HACKER

issues are going to involve networks and the connection of computers to many others outside an organis-ation," says Rod Perry, a partner with Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the consultants.

The fear is that sophisticated riminals will take advantage of a clash between the desire for system flexibility and the constraint necessarily imposed by security. Mr Perry adds: "The business need is paramount, and people will accept the risk - up to a point."

Networks are attractive because they allow information to be easily transferred between users, and give free and easy access to data bases from many locations within an organisation that can extend across countries and continents. Making them secure against interference from both outside and within is

Mr Parker says: "Today's microcomputers and local and global networks have left information security far behind. We are dealing with what we call cyberspace. We are connecting our networks so that we now have a single worldwide network of data communications.

"We have inadvertently freed the criminal from proximity to the crime. A criminal can be anywhere in the world, enter cyberspace by computer and commit a crime anywhere else. The criminal is free to choose the jurisdiction area from which he works, to minimise the punishment if he gets caught."

The great concern, he says, is if technological advances result in an "anarchy of conflicting sec-urity efforts. Consistent security practices should be app-

lied uniform-

"When organisations in different countries with different national laws, different ways of valuing information assets and different national ethical customs, use equipment from different manufacturers in their networks, they face the problem of matching their levels of security. They use the lowest common denominator, which in some instances may be practically non-

Some computer security consultants believe that network security headaches will involve some restriction in how they are used. All agree that passwords no longer offer appropriate forms of security.

Professor Roger Needham, of the University of Cambridge computing laboratory, says: "At the mo-ment, there is a lot of shoddy computer use, but it will become take security There is a lot seriously. In the world of doing

computer use' a tremendous number of rules of practice and conduct that are second nature: security procedures in the electronic medium will also have to become second nature.

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SRII is developing software for what it says will be the world's most. sophisticated detection system, designed to identify unauthorised network users as they commit their

Called IDES (Intruder Detection using Expert Systems), it works on

the basis that a system intruder is likely to show a different behaviour pattern from that of a legitimate user. IDES is programmed with a set of algorithms that build up profiles of how particular employees typically use the system. It can then inform the company's security division if it identifies any signifi-

cant deviation. IDES also monitors the whole system for failed log-in attempts and the amount of processor time being used, and compares this with

historical averages.

A future refinement will allow the system to profile groups of subjects so that it can tell, for example, when a secretary is not behaving like a typical" secretary.

Business crime and computer crime will increasingly become one and the same. Mr Parker says. Security will be increasingly built in to systems and "transparent" to the

think the overall loss to business from computer crime will decrease," he says. "But the loss per incident will increase because the risks and the potential gains will be

### More PC power arrives

IBM backs 32-bit

operating system

IBM has begun deliveries of the first 32-bit operating system for IBM-compatible personal computers. The OS/2 version 2 is a major revamping of its predecessor, which was a 16-bit system.

The new system expands the power available for software developers and features an easier-touse graphical user interface and the ability to run programs written for the 16-bit DOS operating system, including those made to run as part of the popular Win-

dows 3 package.
Windows 3 provided a graphical environment for IBM compatibles, allowing users to start and close programs and manage com-puter files by manipulating onscreen icons with a "mouse" instead of typing commands.

As computers and programs became more sophisticated and random access memory expanded. it appeared for a time that DOS's memory management limitations

would make the system obsolete. IBM and Microsoft had been working together on a successor. OS/2, when Microsoft came up with Windows 3, which has consid erably extended the life of the DOS system and stalled the production of OS/2-based software.

But IBM has continued development of OS/2, transforming it into system like that used on Apple's Macintosh PCs and adding the graphical interface called Workplace.

Much like the Macintosh desktop. Workplace allows users to centrol all aspects of their com; environment, determin-ing how Lin display looks and where various program icons will be located. The new system will run in 4 megabytes of RAM but designers recommend at least 6 to megabytes. It is expected to cost about £180.

IBM says more than 1,000 software companies, including Lo-tus, Borland, Word Perfect and Novell, are developing 32-bit applications for delivery this year.

### Who wants an IT minister?

Systems chiefs have been polled on hopes for a revived ministry

minister dedicated to dealing with informa-tion technology (IT)? Not ac-cording to the three main political parties - none of which is recommending in its manifesto the reintroduction of a post that had a considerable up, then a considerable down during its 1981-87 life

The closest, though not that close, are Labour's plans for a minister of science, although Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, is known to be personally keen on the

The promotion of IT to ministerial level started in Britain in 1981 when Kenneth Baker prepared a paper outlining the need for just such a position and what it could achieve.

He became the minister and, effectively, his paper on the subject became his job description. In 1984 he relinquished the post to Sir Geoffrey Pattie.

Sir Geoffrey's tenure, which also lasted three years, was less productive: cash constraints and a change of government mood resulted in refusals to commit any more money to

abolished and IT moved into the realm of Lord Young, then the trade and industry secretary, who steadfastly refused any requests for its reinstate-

Yet the subject of a possible IT minister is still much discussed in the industry, at least according to a new poll. Yes, even the relatively arcane discipline of IT director is not immune from election polling Mori was commissioned by Hewlett Packard, the American computer, company, to find out which way the hearts and minds of those who control Britain's information technology will go on election day and what they consider the important topics to be.

hree-quarters of those questioned in 200 organisations want a minister dedicated to looking after IT, while prime concerns for any incoming government were identified as data protection for the individual, computer fraud, health and safety for those using new technology at work, and computer hacking.



Kenneth Baker as IT minister: wrote his job description

ment's record in encouraging lation in line with latest devel-

There was praise among those polled for the governcomputer studies in schools and the development of IT in the public sector, although there was also a belief that the government had not invested enough in research and training, encouraging British companies and updating legis-

The need for somebody to oversee the technical ramifications of legislation and where it needs updating has been cited as one of the strongest reasons for having a minister committed solely to IT.

The Conservative party is seen as having the best policies hacking and computer fraud. Labour on health and

Liberal Democrats are considered best for environmental standards in the production and disposal of materials used

Perhaps most telling was that most directors and managers questioned had no opinion on which party had the best policy on a range of 1T

Whatever their thoughts on IT, voting intentions generally have changed little from the last election: 59 per cent of the directors polled intend to vote Conservative, 23 per cent Liberal Democrat, and 15 per

### Apple's new link

of shoddy

a long term agreement with Sharp to develop a new genernon of personal informa-

Under the agreement, the companies plan to merge Ap-Sharp's experience in making small electronic devices that display information on liquidcrystal screens. The aim is to produce pocket-sized electronic devices that combine the functions of today's personal computers with those of tirry consumer electronics devices. such as pocket organisers.

If these devices were hooked up to a wireless communications system, they could allow people to link with news reports, stock prices and other information available from computer databases. They could also eventually replace portable phones.

Partly true?

A COMPUTER model of the Red Sea suggests that its parting described by the Bible could have been caused by strong winds that pushed water away from the shoreline, according to a study conducted by Professor Doron Nof of Florida State University and Professor Nathan Paldor of the Hebrew University of Jeru-

The model recreated a crossing site at the northern edge of the Gulf of Suez, just north of MATTHEW MAY | the Red Sea and concluded

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45mph winds blowing over the site for 10-12 hours -much like the biblical account of the night before the parting could have caused a narrow passage that could be crossed

PC show

THE Which Computer show, Britain's annual exhibition for personal computer users. takes place at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham next week, from Tuesday to Friday. Free tickets are available from 081-984 7733. A special report on personal computers will appear in The Times on the first day of the

Film plan

KODAK is collaborating with four Japanese manufacturers to develop a new film and camera system. Kodak will work with Canon, Fuji, Minolta and Nikon on advanced silver-halide photographic systems. Kodak refuses to discuss the

project or to say when the new products may be introduced. Industry observers speculate that Kodak is developing a 35mm film that is cheaper to produce, better for the environment and with a thinner base, so that Kodak can make small cartridges to fit compact cameras.

Video boost A DIGITAL video recorder that will work with high definition telelevision has been developed by Toshiba. which will offer it to film studios from next year. HDTV

video recorders now on sale are either analogue cassettes, which lose quality in the recording process, or digital but open-reel and therefore

while analogue cassettes are considered good enough for home recording. Toshiba says that broadcasters, video production houses and film studios prefer digital versions, which preserve the quality of the original video.

Eastern tech

MOTOROLA, the American electronics giant, is to build a £70 million factory in northern China to produce semiconductors and cellular phones. Motorola (China) will be a wholly owned subsidiary located on a 25-acre plot in the economic and technical development area of the port of Tianiin — a northern industrial city less than 100 miles

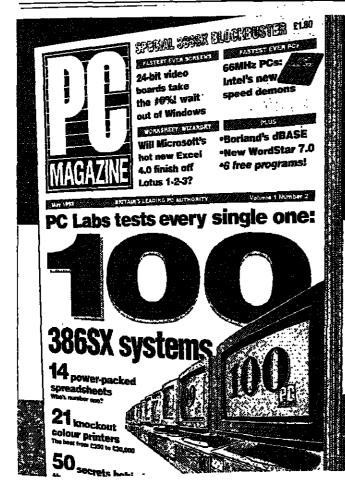
from Beijing. Officals said that most of the products would be exported. but the reality could be different. American firms investing in China are increasingly moving towards developing the Chinese market.

"Which Computer?" Show.

Sun Microsystems will be represented by Morse at the "Which" Show (NEC, Birmingham, April 7 to 10). Keynote displays will include E-Mail and V-Mail (Asterix), real time multimedia in Sun Windows (Raster Ops), Document Image Processing (Open Image Systems). Etcetera.



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### Confidence abounds in hardy Cool Ground

n almost unnatural degree of confidence appears to overtake trainers of fancied Grand National candidates.

Normally sober individuals, who furrow their brows and weigh their words carefully when assessing the chances of an odds-on favourite in a novice hurdle, throw caution to the winds when gripped by Aintree fever.

Toby Balding is just such a man. But you could hardly expect otherwise from Cool Ground's extrovert trainer. who, with two wins in the world's most exciting steeplechase already to his credit, is one of the gurus of the Grand National cult.

"I've always thought it was an eminently winnable race, if you've got the right kind of horse," said the 55year-old enthusiast. "And I've also always thought that Cool Ground was the ideal type. I was one of the original team that bought him and sold him to Peter Bolton. Indeed, the prospect of training him was one of the intrigues of mov-ing to Whitcombe."

Other members of the team share Balding's infec-tious optimism. Brian Eagles, the resident vet, has a long experience of equine superstars, having been as-sociated with such as Dancing Brave and Rousillon in

his days at Pulborough.
"Cool Ground's quite extraordinary," said the nor-mally hard-headed profess-"To see him work. you'd think he was just an ordinary handicapper. But if you give him a smack on the bum, he cocks his ears Golden Miller, in 1934, remains the only horse to have won the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National in the same season. Garrison Savannah went close last year and now Cool Ground seeks the elusive double. Michael Seety reports

and away he goes. He's fitter than he's ever been before. He seems to have woken up and we just don't

know how fit he is."
To watch Adrian Maguire and Cool Ground at exercise is to understand the shared sense of determined purpose which saw the pair come storming remorse-lessly up the Cheltenham hill to catch The Fellow in the final stride of the Gold

A typical stayer in appearance, Cool Ground was clearly enjoying himself on my visit to Whitcombe this week, whether trotting around the yard or later when pounding up the 164-foot climb of the seven-fur-

long gallop.
All the time, Maguire was busy communicating with his mount, keeping him relaxed, but still interested and competitive. "There's no doubt there's a tremendous affinity between them," said the trainer.

the 20-year-old Irishborn prodigy's in-spired jockeyship was a key factor in the improvement Cool Ground showed at Cheltenham.

"Adrian's got a natural instinct for the game and horses run kinder for him." Balding said. "He seems to know what he's got under him. And horses always seem to be taking him to positions he needs to be in."
An estimated 20 strokes

with the whip helped Cool Ground to display exceptional courage and stamina at Cheltenham but also incurred the wrath of the stewards and carned the

rider a four-day ban. Not surprisingly, Balding waxes eloquent on the sub-ject. "It's difficult for me as chairman of the National Hunt part of the Trainers' Federation, but I honestly don't know where it's all going. The racing thoroughbred has evolved over 200 years. And the good ones thrive on competition.

"When a horse has got his blood up and his adrenalin flowing. I wouldn't think he'd been worrying too much about pain. It's quite obvious that Cool Ground's a happier horse for having won. And he wouldn't have won without being hit."

The psychological aspect is the principal reason for Balding's firm conviction that, despite two hard races in succession, this tough athlete is still at his peak. "He's on a tremendous high and that's always very important with a racehorse. Significantly, he was travel-

ling much stronger throughout the Gold Cup than he was at Haydock, where he was struggling for most of the trip. He's improved 10lb in each of his last two races. Brian and I are convinced that his graph is still on an upward

Experience of the daunt-

never been a prerequisite and Balding has few fears

on that score. "His jumping has always been one of the prime reasons that made me see him as a National horse. Cool Ground is both quick and economical at his fences."

omany King and Sirrah Jay, on whom Maguire had his first venture over the National fences in yesterday's John Hughes Memorial Trophy. are the stable's other bigrace runners.

Romany King, winner of three races earlier in the season, has since run con-sistently well in high-class handicaps. "Like Cool Ground, he's an economical jumper. I'm not sure whether he's strong enough to get the trip yet but he'll never be so well handicapped."

Asked to name dangers from other stables, the trainer nominates Twin Oaks and Docklands Express. Always, though, Balding keeps coming back to Cool Ground, the standardbearer of Peter Bolton's four-year dreams for Whiteombe as a permanent

high-class training centre.

"He's the best handi-capped horse in the race." admiring trainer. "He doesn't mind any ground as long as it's not firm.

"His form is so solid.

Apart from the Gold Cup
and the Greenall race, he's also won a Welsh National two Anthony Mildmay Peter Cazalet Memorial Trophies, a Jim Ford Challenge Cup and a Kim Muir."



All roads lead to Aintree tomorrow for Gold Cup winner Cool Ground, left, and Romany King. white blaze

Welsh Rugby Union backs manager and coach

### **Norster and Davies** will be reappointed

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) will confirm today the appointment of Robert Norster and Alan Davies as team manager and coach, respectively, to the national side. After the revived spirit shown by Wales in the five nations' championship this season. it can scarcely do anything else.

Both men are willing to carry on the task they started last August, initially to see Wales through the World five nations' championship. What started as a short-term commitment may now be extended to the 1995 World Cup since the WRU general committee, which met yesterday, must see that as the logical long-range target.

But the appointments will be only part of a development plan worked out by Jeff Young, the union's technical director. Wales, never the most enthusiastic touring

### Bath are back at full strength for cup-tie

BY DAVID HANDS

BATH, forcing the pace in that David Sims, their Engboth league and cup competitions this season, will be at full strength for their Pilkington Cup semi-final at Gloucester tomorrow. Jeremy Guscott, the England centre, is back from holiday and Phil de Glanville, his midfield colleague, has recovered from a knee injury.

In addition, Victor Ubogu. the England B prop. has put hamstring problems behind him and resumes at tighthead in a pack retaining David Egenton, one of ten internationals in the XV. at blind-side flanker.

Gloucester confirm their side today after training last night. They are optimistic

land B lock, and Neil Matthews, the England Under-21 stand-off half, have both got over grumbling injuries. Harlequins, too, will announce this morning their team to play Leicester in the other semi-final and are expected to include Troy Coker at lock and Richard Lang-

horn at No. 8. ☐ The Women's Rugby Football Union holds the final of its national cup competition at Blackheath on Sunday. Richmond meet Saracens in a repeat of last year's final, which Saracens won 11-8. Richmond won a recent league match between the

launch themselves into the kind of programme which the Scots pioneered and which England also have in place. Since 1988, when Wales won the triple crown, there

comed many overseas visitors

to their own grounds, will

has been only disappointment and a rapid turnover in coaches. Tony Gray went in the wake of two 50-point drubbings in New Zealand; John Ryan resigned after England scored 34 points and Ron Waldron, suffering ill health and the smart of Australia's 63-6 victory in Brisbane last year, followed

Happily, all three remain involved in helping Young put Wales back on the right playing lines, and the attitude of the players themselves has changed after the sympathetic approach of Norster and Davies. Wins against Ireland and Scotland in this season's championship increased selfconfidence and the squad will look forward to meeting Australia again when they tour freland and Wales this autumn.

☐ Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, plays his first full match for Stade Toulousain in the French championship against Bourgoin on Sunday, Andrew, who moved to France last year, has played in two non-championship matches and twice came on as a replacement in cup

### **YACHTING**

### Little separates challengers

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

THE America's Cup chal- Dickson, which ended the the America's four-boat prolenger elimination series is proving to be the most unpredictable in the history of the competition, with the four semi-linalists showing virtually equal speed over a wide range of conditions and the results decided on start lines. by tactical lapses and mishaos. Nippon, the Japanese

yacht skippered by Chris

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round-robin stage as leading points scorer, broke her carbon fibre rudder shaft and had to retire when she was well on the way to her first semi-final win vesterday. Nippon was 58 seconds ahead of Ville de Paris, skippered by Marc Pajot, of France, and halfway around the 20-mile course when she withdrew.

Beaten in her previous two races, by Il Moro di Venezia, skippered by Paul Cayard, of Italy, and New Zealand (Rod Davis), Nippon has to win her remaining six races to make the final. New Zealand, Il Moro di Venezia and Ville de Paris all have two points.

New Zealand, a favourite to reach the finals, won her match against Il Moro di Venezia by only 18sec after a tremendous struggle. Il Moro was hampered by three broken battens, which made the upper area of her mainsail nefficient upwind.

Kanza, the newest yacht in

gramme, scored her first win in her second race of the defender elimination series, by 1 min 13sec, at the expense of her stablemate, Americas Kanza was distinctly faster upwind. She was steered by Buddy Melges, while Bill Koch, the syndicate head, broke his recent afterguard partnership with Melges to skipper America3, with David Dellenbaugh as starting helmsman.

Kanza broke the start and had to return for a loss of 20sec. But she caught America3 - the proven all-rounder of the team, with Koch at the helm — two-thirds of the way up the first windward beat. Then America3 had to make a 270 penalty turn.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Chellengers: New Zealand (R Davis) bit II Moro di Venezze (P Cayard, II). 18ser; Villa de Para (M Payot, Fr) bi Nappon (C Duclason), rétired. Progrese povinta: equal 1, New Zealand, II Moro di Venezia and Ville de Para, 2pts; 4, Nappon, 0. Defenders: Karta (B Malges) bi Antarica? (W Koch), Tran 13sec. Progress pointa: equal 1, Stara & Stripes (D Conner) and Kartza, 3pts; 3, America?, 0

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(Mrs A Skan) 5-11-10 R Durwoody (2-1;
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(A Christodulou) 6-11-2 P Scudemore
(11-4)
Hannower h o Over the River - Falcade (R £1 90 DF: £21 30 CSF £32 53
3.45 JOHN HUGHES MEMORIAL TROPHY (Hendicap Chase £17,725 2m 6f)
THE ANTARTER to g Vital Sesson - Rue
Talma (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 9-10-2 R
Outwoody (33-1)
Captain Mor b g Welsh Captain Onna
More (P Piler) 10-10-6 C Grant (16-1) 2.
Strong Gold b g Strong Gale Mess
Goldlane (Mrs S Robers) 9-10-4 M Sowlby
(14-1) (11-4) P Scotamate (11-4) P Scotamate (11-4) (11-4) P Scotamate (11-4) (14-1) Interfer Lib b g Lighter - Bellinew (R Henderson) 9-10-4 Mr J Bradburne (25-1) CS (O) CSF E7 36
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CHASE (Grade II 13.896 2m)
CYPHRATE by g Sant Cyren - Euphvate
(Alias Smith & Jones Ltdt 6-11-3 P
Scudamore (8-1)
Gale Again by g Strong Gale - Gong
Again (P Piller) 5-11-0 C Grant (16-1) 2
Welsh Bard by g Walsh Salni - Songerella
(Mrs G Abecassis) 8-11-3 G Bradley (13-2)

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ALSO RAN 3 fav Shamana (f), 9-2 Space Fair (4th), 7 Fragrant Dawn (5th), Freeline Frushing (pu), 12 Far Over Struy (f), 20 Deminote (pu), Trubbon (f), 65 Dancing River (bd), 11 rah, 81, 61, 115, 101 M Pipe at Wellington, Tales (7, 29), 53 40, 53 10, 51 70, DF, 5117,60 CSF-5109 02 17. 70. Dr. E117.60 CSF £109.02
3.10 MARTELL CUP CHASE (Grade II £23.065 3m 1f)
KINGS FOUNTAIN br g Reyal Fountain •
K-King (E Banks) 9-11-9 A Tory (11-4 fay;
Thunderer's nep) 1.
Tripping Tim b g King's Ride • Jeanane (Mrs J Mould) 7-11-5 C Lewellyn (14-1) 2.

Henderson) 9-10-4 Mr J Bracibume (25-1)
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ALSO RAN: 10 (f-fav Eitast (f), Golden Freeze (bd), Latent Talent (ur), 11 Soldasanok (f), 12 Smrb Jay, Bishops Hall, Eight Soringa (6th), Ronars Brithday, 16 Shanmagony (f), 20 Tochnica, J.J. Henry (f), Arctic Teal, Wrekin Hill (5th), 25 Tom Bir (f), 33 Another Schedule, Folk Dance (f), 50 Red Columbia, Shirnhill, Ansty For (f), 66 Blue Dari, 100 Willowson (ur), 200 Builders Per (pu), 25 ran Nr. 51, 2191, rh., 11 G Richards all Greystoke Tote C25-50, 66 to, 12 dt, 6, 400, 24-90. DF 2398-80. CSF. P436-26 Tricast 16,799-51. Time 21,388-50.

4.20 GLEMILIVET ANNIVERSARY HURDLE (Grade II 4-Y-O E21,580-2m)
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E1 90, 12-90, 12-20 DF E17 00 CSF28 02 100 PIPERS MANDICAP HURDLE
(19-306, 3m 10)
THREEOUTOFFOUR b g Millord Smiting (Mrss C Breman) 7-10-0 M
Brennen (20-1) Castle Secret b g Castle Keep Berfis
(Mrs H Lovy) 6-10-7 S Daves (33-1) 2.
Everaldo b g Top Vitle - Floressa (Mrs H Lovy) 6-10-7 S Daves (33-1) 2.
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ALSO RAN. 7 Jeassu. 9 Bolemey Boy
(5th). 11 Fishki. 12 Sprowston Boy, Kings,
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Native Theo, Mayter Marx. 16 The Demon
Barber, 20 Old Dandalk, Lake Teoreen,
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Bridge, 22 Ru Valenhon, 33 Mediane
(6th), 50 Sr Crushy, 100 Demmg Valley,
Withy Bank (pul, Dom Edno. 25 ran. NR
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Bronnon at Newark Tote E29-60, 55-20
17-30, 62-10, E12-10 DF-121-489-20 CSF25-19-73 Trocast 23-99-3.5 After a
strewards enquery, result stood. stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.20 (2m fiel) 1. BRIEF GALE (P Hide, 11-1), 2. Arbot (S D Williams, 14-1), 3. Maneree (M A Fitzgerald, 9-2) ALSO, RAN-6-4 fev Chuck Curley, 8 Credo Park, 17 Zanyman, Topcawyer, 12 Konvekty Control, 14 Osmoss, High Altitude (6th), 16 Monsieur Le Cure (5th), Syd's Brother, 20 Fun Money, 25 Brave Buccaneer (4th), Shearman Steel, Special Account, Bally Cover, Highland Poscher, James The First, 33 Sylvas Beach, Akkington Chapple 21 ran, NFT The Glow 91, 151, 21st, 101, 21st J Gifford at Findon Tote 29.30, E2.80, E5.40, C2.90 DF £119.30, CSF: £161.40. Jackpot: not won (Pool of £18.266.25 carried over to Uverpool today). Placepot: £1,680.90. Brighton

2.15 (5/ 59/d) 1, Moodlesburn (A Mac-kay, 5-4 fav); 2, George Roper (9-4); 3, Amesome Risk (14-1) 9 ren NR: Free-bijone 2/sl, 3/sl A Bailey Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.30, £4.40 DF £4.00, CSF-£4.68. 2-50 (Im 1f 209yd) 1. Desert Zone (A Murro, 2-1); 2. Boloardo (3-1), 3. Esbooain (4-1). Mathal 15-8 fav 11 ran 8i, St. P Cole Tote: £2.10, £1 10, £4.20, £1.30. DF: £26.80. CSF; £19.13

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3.25 (Im 31 196yd) 1, Sharp Top (W Carson, 7-2), 2, Absolutely Right (5-2 fav); 3, Noted Strain (14-1), 4, Clear Idea (33-1), 20 ran, 9, 41, M Ryan Tote, 24 60; 51.20, 51.50, 52.30, 58.50 DF, 54.60 CSF 511.97 Torcast 538.61 £11.97 Trocast £38.51
4.00 (6f 2099d) 1, Magnificent (K Rutter, 11-2); 2, Bold Settio (20 1); 3, Parlemo (14-1); 4, Libra Legend (14-1); Aliek Zone 7-4 fav 18 fam Hd. 3\*91, Muleruie 7 fate £7.60; £1.80, £11.10, £2.80, £2.00 DF £234 70 CSF; £105.50 Trocast; £1, 370.97
4.35 (6f 209yd) 1, Delsy Grey (P McCabe, 6-1); 2, Sergeant Meryli (7-1), 3, Beachwood Cottage (12-1); 4, Tapeatry Dancer (7-1), Internal Affair 11-2 lax, 18 fam, NR, Faynaz, Please Please Me, 1½1, 11, A Red Tote, £8.90, £7.50, €2.50, £1.70, 5.05 (67 209yd) 1, Secret Thing (M Roberts, 10.11 lav; Newmarket Corres-pondent's rapp; 2, Baluga (5-1); 3, Pre-cious Wonder (9-2) 8 ran N8<sup>4</sup> Placid Lady, 11, 3½1 C Brittain Tole £2.00; £1 10, £1 10, £1.40, DF, £3.60, CSF, £9 07. 5.35 (1m 1/ 209yd) 1. Two Left Feet (K Futter, 8-4 fev): 2, See Godders (5-1), 3, Tauniting (14-1) 14 ran 3/ 1/ M Prescott Tote, C2-80, 51-90, 52-90 DF-£18-30, C5F £10-83 Plecapot: 272.60



3.20 JONNIE MULLINGS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,496: 1m 4f)	(22 runners	5)
1 (13) 13534- RIVER ISLAND 260 (S) (W Sturi) J Old 4-9-12	3 Raymond	87
2 (18) 062305- MUBIN 22J (A Dean) C C Elsey 4-9-10	W Newnes	
3 (4) 142630- RARE DETAIL 146 (D.G.S) (Y Akazawa) Mrs L Piggoti 4-2-9	L Piggott	83
4 (20) 200200- ROSGILL 6J (CD,F,S) (Bingadier Racing) P Mitchell 6-9-8	M Roberts	82
5 (1) 0/55108- GREEN'S VAN GOYEN 22J (D,F) (D Humisett) R Akehurat 4-9-5	T Quinn	80
6 (3) 254055- WESTERN DYNASTY 126 (D,F,G) (M Kenhah) M Ryan 6-9-5 -	L Dettori	81
7 (2) 0810-41 MUNDAY DEAN 13 (D,G) (N Woodcock) D Arbultanot 4-9-5	R Price (5)	90
8 (10) 5081- LARK RISE 29J (S) (P Evens) C Weedon 49-4	_ J Reid	80
9 (11) 030145- MAHRAJAN 154 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs F Harns) C Bensleed 8 9-4	R Cochrane	ВĞ
10 (14) 51- MOOT POINT 193 (F) (A Escudero) J Jeniums 4-9-4.	Pat Eddery	80
11 (5) 03500- SWEET REQUEST 182 (G Linger) J Boslock 49-4	S Whitworth	80
12 (21) 5580-40 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 6 (D,F,G) (M Britain) M Britain 5-9-3	. K Darley	91
13 (7) 114113 MODESTO 13 (C.D.BF.G.S) (D Bass) K Currengham-Brown 4-9-2	D Biggs (3)	<ul><li>99</li></ul>
14 (15) 305/003- FULL QUIVER 342 (V,D,F) (8 Witton) Mrs B Waring 7-9-2	N Howe	80
15 (12) 263000- INDIAN SLAVE 172 (R Auford) R Guest 4-8-6	G Baxter	87
16 (17) 006-811 DAZZLE THE CROWD 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-3	G Carter	84
17 (8) 435-222 SAMURAI GOLD 24 (BF,S) (I Karageorgis) P Walwyn 4-8-1	A Munro	91
18 (19) 405505- CRASBY BILL 36J (B) (Financial Collections) Miss B Sanders 5-8-0 .		
19 (15) 0436-23 BROOM ISLE 20 (F) (V Guy) Mrs A Kreght 4-7-13		
20 (9) 2050/08- ROUSILLON TO BE 312J (J Quinn) Mess 8 Sanders 5-7-13	Dana Mellor	
21 (22) OSO/ SEDGY MEAD 529 (J Read) P Jones 4-7-11	A McGlone	
22 (6) 0050-30 BUZZARDS CREST 14 (S) (Bub Jones) Bob Jones 7-7-7	JQuban	82
Long handicap: Suzzarda Crest 7-3		
BETTING: 5-1 Modesto, 6-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 7-1 Samural Gold, 8-1 Pare Delas, Moot Pou	ni, 10-1 Dazzle	The
Crowd, Munday Dean, 12-1 Broom Isle, 14-1 others.	-	
1991: MILTON BURN 10-7-2 B Dovie (33-1) C Austin 13 ran		

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3.55 MAGNOLIA STAKES (Listed race: £9,000. 1m 2f) (12 runners) ביין יוסי די החסידי של Sentring: 11-4 Crystal Path, 7-2 Heart Ol Darkness, 4-1 Hateel, 6-1 Red Brishop, 8-1 Green's Ferneley, 10-1 Percy's Girl, 12-1 Prince Russance, 14-1 others.

4.	30	SYRIN	GA HANDICAP (£3,392: 6f) (25 runners)	
1	(17)	310-530	GO EXECUTIVE 13 (D.F.G) (M Dewes) C Brittain 4-9-11 M Roberts	9
2	(ZZ)	002500-	BAYSHAM 162 (B,D,G) (W Butt) B Maman 6-9-4 G Baxter	r 9:
	(4)	121200-	PIQUANT 160 (D,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-3 W R Swinburt	1 9
4	(8)	06000-0	PADDY CHALK 14 (D.F,G) (Mrs R Wollman) L Holt 6-9-0 J Reid	9.
5	(19)	0521-31	RESPECTABLE JONES 69 (D.F.G.S) (E Weinstein) G Beiding 68-11. J Williams	. 9
6	(25)	520-000	APMAITI 28 (F,G) (D Tucker) D R Tucker 48 11	. 9
- 7	(12)	50004-4	BEATLE SUNG 90 (D,G) (Mass R Dobson) R Hodges 4-8-10 W Carson	16
	(5)	120000-	OLIFANTSFONTEIN 286 (D.F) (1 Painting) R Simpson 489	: 9
	(21)	014200-	HOW'S YER FATHER 146 (D.F.G.S) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 689 R Cochrane	9
	(11)	044-	LORD HIGH ADMRAL 232 (E Young) R Hannon 487 R Partient (5)	8 (
11	(15)	15242-3	MALUNAR 11 (D.F.S) (G Grant) M Tompkins 785 R Has	9
	(3)	248500-	SAAFEND 160 (F) (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcifie 4-8-5 B Rouse	9
	(23)	10050-5	NORDIC BRAVE 14 (D.F.S) (M Sintlein) M Britism 6-85 K Darley	, 9
	(14)	116290	FIVESEVENFIVED 189 (D.F.G) (G. Baker) R Hodges 48-4	
	(13)	001000-	MERRYHALL MAID 155 (D.F.G) (D.Caha) J.Harra 483	. 9
16	(1B)	030040-	HIGHLAND MAGIC 160 (Mrs M F-Godiev) M Fetherston-Godiev 48-3 D Hawtenn (7)	۱ 9
	(16)	038040-	LUNA BID 147 (CD.F.G.S) (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 98.3.	
	(24)	6-04001	ACROSS THE BAY 11 (V.D.F.S) (J. Redmond) S Dow 583 (7ex) T Chier	
	(10)	011300-	CANDLE KING 172 (D.F.G) (Farter Partnership) M Fetherston-Godley 4-8-2 A Minner	. 9
	(1)	506203-	DARAKAH 160 (CD,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 58-1 D. Pilons ct	
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	(2)	05300-4	NORFOLIGEV 7 (D.G) (Ecure Fusion) M Moubersk 6.7-11 Press Houses /7	
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 1991: FARMER JOCK 9-8-3 M Roberts (14-1) Mrs N Macauley 18 ran
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### Remittance Man to shine over optimum distance

ANOTHER glimpse of Remittance Man is the treat in store at Liverpool today when Nicky Henderson's exciting jumper contests the valuable grade one Mumm Melling Chase over his optimum distance of two-and-a-half miles.

It was over today's trip that Remittance Man gained those easy victories at Newbury either side of finding the longer distance of Kempton's King George VI Rank Chase a fraction too far

on Boxing Day. Reverting to two miles for the first time since he won the Arkle Challenge Trophy during last year's National Hunt Festival, Remittance Man returned to Cheltenham last month to land the Queen Mother Champion Chase after a thrilling battle with Katabatic and Waterloo Boy, Richard Dunwoody, who was claimed to ride Waterloo

Boy that day, will now be reunited with Remittance Man and he should find the occasion profitable. When he won the Arkle,

Remittance Man beat Uncle Ernie by six lengths. A subsequent line through Waterloo Boy substantiates that form. Par's Jester would be a big danger if he were to run as well as he did at Haydock in January when he beat Katabatic by seven lengths

MANDARIN

2.00 Laundryman.

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2.35 Remittance Man.

4.20 Dara Doone. 4.50 Triple Witching. 5.20 King Of The Lot.

3.10 BRADBURY STAR

Brian Beel: 3.45 Strands Of Gold.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

over today's trip. However, he has been under the weather since being defeated at Worcester by Star's Delight. who was subsequently no match for Remittance Man at Cheltenham.

Edberg, the only other runner, looks out of his depth in this exalted company.

Data Doone (4.20) and
King Of The Lot (5.20) look

to be other good rides for. Dunwoody this afternoon. Dara Doone still features on a favourable mark in the Oddbins Handicap Hurdle despite successive wins over today's distance at Haydock

and Lingfield.
King Of The Lot, my selection for the Tote 7th Race Handicap Chase, was in the process of running an extremely good race in the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup at Cheltenham when he clouted the last fence and all but fell. In the circumstances he did well to finish third. While Dunwoody will be

THUNDERER

2.00 Rocktor.

expecting Gambling Royal to go close in the Perrier Jouet Handicap Chase, and with every justification. I still pre-Durwoody: treble chance

I have watched him win his Run For Free and a highclass field in the closing last two races at Newbury at close quarters and the way stages said a lot.

that he finished on each occa-Now Run For Free has ten lengths to make up on Bradsion at the end of two-and-abury Star and only a 3lb half miles strongly suggests advantage with which to do that this longer trip is within his range.

My idea of the day's best Jodami was a bitter disapbet, though, is Bradbury Star pointment at Ascot last time to win the Mumm Mildmay while King's Curate, who was Novices' Chase. roughly the equal of Run For The way that Bradbury Free over hurdles, was also a Star harried that outstanding flop when he was beaten three

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Alliance chase was most im-

pressive and the fact that this

talented pair were able to

lengths by Jodami at Ayr. Rushing Wild, who turned the Christie's Foxhunters Chase into a procession at Cheftenham, looks to have an excellent chance of winning the Martell-sponsored equivalent over the National

Finally, Triple Witching, my choice for the Heidsieck Dry Monopole Novices' Hurdle faces slightly weaker opposition here than he met in the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham where he fin-ished fourth behind Thetford

**Enquiry date** Jenny Pitman and Michael

Bowlby will appear before the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee on April 27 regarding the running and riding of Golden Freeze in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

### Strands Of Gold has late chance to atone

By BRIAN BEEL

STRANDS Of Gold was going strongly in the lead when he fell at Becher's on the second circuit of the 1988 Grand National. With that fence to be jumped only once in the Martell Fox Hunters Chase today, he has a belated chance of making amends.

At Bangor a month ago. Strands Of Gold defied his 13 years and reversed the Kempton placings with Har-ley, whom he meets again on similar terms.
Rushing Wild is unbeaten

in his last eight races and, on his outstanding run at Cheltenham, must go close. However, he will start at very restrictive odds.

Ardesee, who followed him home at Cheltenham, has shown better form than last season, which included finishing eighth in this race, 30 lengths behind Double Turn. That 100-1 winner has shown nothing since.

Marcus Armytage has chosen to ride the Caroline Saunders-trained No Escort. They won unchallenged at Nottingham 17 days ago. Of the others, Bartres and

Kings Fountain unseated Risk A Bet are worth eachway consideration but Strands Of Gold has the experience to see him home.

### Luck turns full circle for Kings Fountain

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

to use his back muscles.

Bailey enthused: "He has

had an interrupted

peparation for the race and

he is a better horse than this. I

genuinely believe he is a Gold Cup horse and you have not seen half of the him today. If

he comes out of the race OK

he will go for the Whitbread.

today and could not get

is a long striding horse who

Richard Dunwoody, hav-

ing won the opening race on

the impressive Carobee, com-pleted a 101-1 double on The

Antartex in the John Hughes

Gordon Richards's chaser.

Memorial Trophy Chase.

needs a galloping track."

"He didn't like the course

THE luck which deserted Kings Fountain in the Cheltenham Gold Cup returned with interest at Liverpool yesterday when Kim Bailey's chaser took advantage of a last fence blunder by Arctic Call to win the Martell Cup Chase.

After ploughing through the final obstacle and pecking on landing when six lengths clear, Arctic Call gave a passable imitation of a bucking bronco and launched his jockey skywards. Mark Richards, a last-

minute replacement for Jamie Osborne, desperately attempted to keep the combination intact but would have needed the skills of a trapeze artist to succeed.

When Arctic Call collided with the rails, Richards was ejected over the side. He could only shake his head in disbelief as a tired Kings Fountain galloped passed him for the most fortuitous

Bailey was the first to acknowledge his good fortune but pointed out: "I felt we were slightly unlucky at Cheltenham so perhaps today is a iust reward."

at Cheltenham when travel- race last year, is a sound ling as well as anything. The jumper who comes into his own around the National strapping nine-year-old course. The 33-1 shot made bruised his back in the promost of the running and, cess and intensive treatment although Captain Mor was still being administered looked a danger on the runearlier this week. Apart from daily visits from in, he held on by a fast-

Anne Scott-Dunn, a physiodiminishing neck. The victory ended a therapist from Bracknell. who worked on the horse's winnerless run stretching bruised backbone, Kings back 25 days for Richards Fountain has been exercised and will encourage supportregularly on a special water ers of Twin Oaks, top-weight in tomorrow's Martell Grand treadmill. He walked in water up to his girth and was forced National.

Backers of Stay On Tracks. trained by Arthur Stephenson, also have reason to be optimistic following not only the bold showing by Captain Mor, but also Gale Again. who finished second to Cyphrate in an incidentpacked Sandeman Maghuli

Novices' Chase. Only five of the 11 starters completed the race and Far round the bends properly. He Over Struy, one of four fallers, was killed when he broke his

Welsh Bard set a good gallop but the winner could be spotted a long way out as Peter Scudamore and Cyphrate avoided the trouble and cruised through to take the lead two fences from

### Carobee earns accolades with impressive victory

Although Carobee is now

BY MICHAEL SEELY

CAROBEE was top quoted at 12-1. for next year's Champion Hurdle after putting up an impressive performance to beat Halkopous and Hangover in the Seagram Top Novices' Hurdle at Liverpool

yesterday.
"This is the most exciting horse I've handled," said David Nicholson. "He has everything it takes to be a superstar. If ever there was a Gold Cup horse in the making, this is it."

The most exciting feature of Carobee's victory was the way he managed to keep in touch with such experienced horses as Halkopous and Flown before -staying on strongly to go clear on the "He missed out the second

last but still landed running." said the trainer. "He's 17 hands and only five so we must be patient. He didn't want the hustle and bustle of Cheltenham and I think he showed the benefit of that today."

third favourite behind Royal Gait and Granville Again for next year's title, Nicholson warned: "He could go chasing. We'll go for races like the Gerry Feilden Hurdle and the Bula Hurdle first and then take it from there."

Dunwoody, initiating a double, paid the winner this compliment. "He looks championship material. I've

been lucky to ride some great novices this year and this must be the best of them." The bookmakers were less

impressed by the style of Salwan's victory over Staunch Friend in the Glenlivet Anniversary Hurdle and Hills offered 50-1 for the Champion Hurdle about Peter Bevan's determined winner. Last time out Salwan had

come home strongly to finish fifth behind Duke Of Monmouth in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. "We thought he was a good horse since he won at Wolverhampton," said the trainer. "But he didn't get the run of the race at Cheltenham. That's why Robert Stronge made more use of him today."

In the 100 Pipers Handicap Hurdle, Martin Brennan drove Threeoutoffour ciear racing to the final t but the seven-year-old had to battle his hardest to resist the Nicholson: rates Carobee late attacks of Castle Secret and Everaldo.

### Gold Cup material

1.50 Rafiki. 2.25 Swilly Express. 2.55 Beech Grove. 3.30 Vado Via. 4.05 Trevaylor. 4.40 Magnus Pym. 5.10 Around The Horn. THUNDERER

1.50 Noble Insight. 2.25 Miss Purbeck. 2.55 Spartan Dancer. 3.30 Dormers Delight. 4.05 Trevaylor. 4.40 Jailbreaker. 5.10 Tregurtha. Brian Beel: 2.55 Spartan Dancer.

GOING: SOFT (WITH HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

1.50 RABBIT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS £1.165: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

2.25 COME ON GRACIE CHALLENGE TROPHY MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP

HURDLE (£1,165: 2m 1f) (12)

1 11P3 SWILLY EXPRESS 13 (S) 9 Cirristan 6-12-0
M McGonagle (7)

2 816 BALLERINA ROSE 24F (G) O O'Neil 5-11-8
V Stattery (5)

3 0154 MRSS PURIBECK 13 (S) Mrs J Retter 5-11-7

4 2201 PLAY THE BLUES 8 (F) R Frost 5-11-0 (Fau)... J Frost 5-80 SILAND RUN 13 (B) N Henderson 8-10-8... J White 6-0-5U DUBACELL 5-11 R Hodges 6-10-0... S Burrough 7 3442 MARLBOROUGH LADY 190 (F) Mrs A English 6-10-0 W Sterry (7) 8 -053 SIKERA 51 (BF) P Hoebs 6-10-0....... N Marylar (7) 10 -0FF THE CUAKER 8 R Hawker 6-10-0........ Lotter Vincent 11 -060 HAYLEY'S LASS 16 J Brackley 6-10-0........ N Marylar (7) 2 000P PLATINUM SPRINGS 28 J King 5-10-0........ N Marylar 7-4 Swilly Express, 4-1 Miss Purbeck, 5-1 Memberborough Lady, 6-1 7-4 Swilly Express, 4-1 Miss Purbeck, 5-1 Mariborough Lady, 6-1 Play The Blues, 8-1 Island Run, 10-1 Ballerina Rose, 14-1 others

2.55 RMC GROUP NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £861: 3m 1f) (15) 1 4-PP ANOTHER LUCAS 18 Mrs R Turner 8-11-12

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAINERS: T Thomson Jones, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; M Pipe, 104 from 257, 40.5%; S Christian, 4 from 14, 28.6%, G Belding, 24 from 108, 22.6%; P Hobbs, 25 from 19, 18.4%; R Dickin, 3 from 19, 15.6%. "IOCKEYS: M Foster, 8 winners from 24 ndes. 33.3%, 8 Clifford, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Lorna Vincent, 7 from 33, 21.2%; Marin Jones, 3 from 16, 18.8%, J Frost, 24 from 131, 18.3%; W McFarland, 8 from 48, 18.7%.

3.30 BADGER NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,165: 2m 3f) (16)

3 OP21 DORMERS DELIGHT 15 (B,C,S) M Pipe 4-11-2

3 0P21 DORMERS DELIGHT 15 (B.C.S) M Pipe 4-11-2

4 4823 EMERALD MOON 15 W G Turner 5-11-2

5 P404 FENOUILLE 15 William Price 5-11-2 M A Fitzparald (3)
6 P005 LAVAL/GHT 25 H Hodges 5-11-2 M A Fitzparald (3)
6 P005 LAVAL/GHT 25 H Hodges 5-11-2 M Seves (7)
8 0430 POST CODE 15 D R Tucker 5-11-2 R ATROIT
9 34P3 SHEKKT'S PET 50 (B) Mrs J Wormscott 6-11-2 S Donothoe (5)
10 F000 MOON REEF 23 (V) C Broad 6-10-11 T Fuller (7)
11 00 POLLY PENORA 8 R Frost 5-10-11 Frost
12 -000 SEENACHANCE 21 Mrs M Rimel 5-10-11 Frost
13 2232 VADO VIA 17 (S) D Wintle 4-10-11 Mr R Davis (7)
14 2242 VA UTU 14 M Channon 4-10-9 Lorma Vincent
15 08 SAURN FREE 85 (8) D Wintle 4-10-4 W Marston (7)
16 0003 LADY GWENNMORE 20 (B) H Willis 4-10-4 ... W Marston (7)
54 Dormers Delight, 5-1 Vado Via, 6-1 Sheikh's Pet, 8-1

5-4 Darmers Delight, 5-1 Vado Via, 6-1 Shelkh's Pet, 8-1 Emerald Moon, Va Utu, 10-1 Lady Gwenrnore, 14-1 others

4.05 DIAMOND EDGE CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,687: 2m 1f) (10) 1 6F1F SABAKI RIVER 13 (G,S) Mrs J Retter 8-12-0 1 6F1F SABAKI RIVER 13 (G,S) Mrs J Retter 8-12-0

Mr A Fitzgerald (3)
2 P323 FUEGO BOY 10 (G,S) A J Wison 12-10-10 M Bosley
3 3211 TREVATIOR 20 (G,S) P Hobbs B-10-8. B Cathord (3)
4 3535 SKYVAKK WONDER 16 (G) C Popham 10-10-7

Marcin Jones
5 211U GREEN ISLAND 169 (CD,P) A Dum 6-10-5. J Frost
6 UP03 MAYBS BABY 27 (G) O Berons 7-10-5. R Greene (5)
7 FPP- GOLDEN LANTERN 396 (B,CD,F) G Pike B-10-2

Windone 8 0565 MENINGI 51 (F.G.S) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-0 D Leahy (7) 9 4315 FATHER PADDY 93 (H.F.) C Nash 10-10-0 10 4040 MASTER SOUTH LAD 43 N Mitchell 8-10-0 ......

5-2 Fuego Boy, 3-1 Trevaylor 7-2 Sabalii River, 6-1 (Green Island, 10-1 Skylark Wonder, 14-1 Father Packly, 16-1 others 4.40 FALLOW DEER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,924: 2m 1f) (13)

1 1003 MAGNUS PYM 15 (CD.G.S) G Baiding 7-11-10 J Frost 2 1545 JAILBREAKER 23 (G) B Milman 5-11-5 W McFarland 3 4002 SHADEUX 8 (F.S) Mrs J Wormscott 6-10-13 M Hourigan (7) 4 1-5F TRUISM 32 (CD,F) Mrs J Retter 7-10-8 4 1-5F TRUISM 32 (CD,F) Mrs J Retter 7-10-8
M A Fitzgerald (3)
5 POP2 ROMFUL PRINCE 15 (CD,G,S) C Mischell 9-10-7
D Bridgwater (3)
6 24U1 FRESH-MINT 15 (CD,F,S) P Hobbs 8-10-4
B Cattord (3) 7 0006 MUSIC WONDER 27 (B,S) N Mitchell 11-10-2

10 -344 FAIRFIELDS CONE 119 (G,S) R Dicker 9-10-3

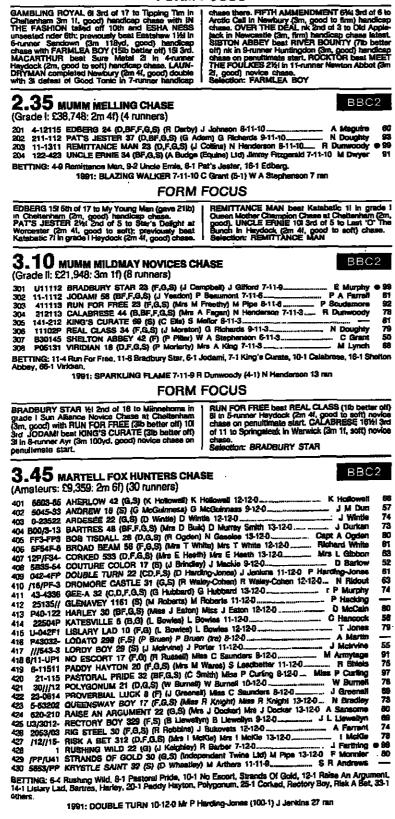
D Meredith (7) 11 PORG SNOOKER TABLE 8 (F.G) W Williams 9-10-0 / Shoemerk 12 4U23 FEARSOME 36 (S) Mrs J Womnacott 6-10-0 13 0505 SEE NOW 15 (S) Mrs A Knight 7-10-0 . \_ \_ G Knight 3-1 Magnus Pym, 4-1 Fresh-Mint, 9-2 Romful Prince, 6-7 Shadeux, 8-1 Jadbresker, 10-1 Trussn, 12-1 thers.

5.10 RABBIT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,165: 2m 1f) (12)

1 -06P ALLO GEORGE 53 Mrs J Wonnecott 6-11-2 2 OZ AROUND THE HORN 29 A Turnel 5-11-2
2 OZ AROUND THE HORN 29 A Turnel 5-11-2. D Fortt (3)
3 P HAPPY HORSE 129 D Barres 5-11-2. A Sketton (3)
4 4-R2 JUMP START 17 S Pike 5-11-2. M A Fitzperald
5 O-3 KATIE'S JOKER 16 O O'Nell 6-11-2. V Slattery
6 00U4 MELDON 25 T Hallett 5-11-2. S Hazelt (3)
7 F NOBLE YEOMAN 58 R Dickin 8-11-2. D Meredith
8 B330 TRAIN ROBBER 14 W McKenzie-Coles 7-11-2

5-2 Around The Horn, 7-2 Train Robber, 9-2 Trepurths, 5-1 Jump Start, 8-1 Katle's Joker, Applied Graphics, 12-1 others

Adrian Maguire flies to Ireland tomorrow evening for four booked rides at Naas on Sunday. Michael O'Brien supplies all four mounts, best of whom is Vanton.

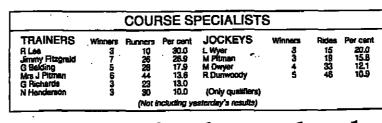






(Grade II: £7,698: 3m 1f) (16 runners)
601 61220 SARTON BANK 23 (S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-4
FORM FOCUS
BISHOPS ISLAND 3½1 2nd of 15 to Terao in Unitorester (2m 4t, soft) novice hurdle; previously best Scenersauiting 131 in 24-runner Warwick (2m 5t, good to soft) maiden hurdle. See the soft maiden hurdle and the soft maiden hurdle to penultimate start. FORWARD GLEN beat Hypnotist & in 7-runner Newcastie (2m 4t, firm) novice hundle practic. NATIVE PRIDE beat Shadow Run 4t in 13-runner sendown (2m 4t, good) movice hurdle on penultimate start. FORWARD GLEN beat Hypnotist & in 7-runner Newcastie (2m 4t, firm) novice hundle practic. NATIVE PRIDE beat Shadow Run 4t in 13-runner (2m 4t, good) movice hurdle on penultimate attart. RUFUS beat CHARTERFORHARDWARE (sema terms) 13/4t 3rd. Selection: TRIPLE WITCHING

5.20 TOTE 7th HANDICAP CHASE (9	8,507: 2m 4f) (10 runners)
	an & Partners Ltd) D McCain 9-11-12 G McCourt Lamnon (ive) 8-11-10 A Maguire Virs R Staecd) P Hobbs 10-11-4 C Maude Mullins (ive) 9-11-2 999 Vir R Yule) D Nicholson 9-10-13 R Dumwoody Emnever) N Henderson B-10-11 J Kavennegh er) Mrs J Pitmen 10-10-11 M Pitmen J Johnson 9-10-7 A Critney A Stephenson 10-10-0 K Johnson lier) M W Easterby 7-10-0 1 L Wyer  v, 11-2 Whatever You Like, 8-1 Torenfield, Sure Metal, alses Son, 16-1 Bed Trade.
FORM	FOCUS
SURE METAL 2: 2nd of 4 to Mecaritiss at Haydock (2m, good to soft). TORANFIELD 11/st 2nd of 7 to Repeat The Dose at Chettenham (2m 4f, good) chase. GUIBURN'S NEPHEW best Certain Style nk at Newbury (2m 100yd, good). TECHNICS unpleased behind The Antartax here yesterday; previously best New MB House 41/st in 8-runner Gowran Park (2m 4f, good to yielding)	handleap chase. KING OF THE LOT 6I 3rd of 19 to Elisat in Cheltenham (2m 41, good) handleap chase with HOWE STREET (2b beniar off) ½1 4th, WHAT- EVER YOU LIKE 12 2nd of 17 to My Young Man in Cheltenham (2m, good) handleap chase. "HALF BROTHER 14I 3rd of 4 to Good Tonic in Newbury (2m 41, good) handleap chase. Selection: SURE METAL (nap)



### Party Politics changes hands

GRAND National runners Party | and Northern Bay in the past and Politics and the Irish-trained Roc De Prince were sold in a six-figure deal yesterday. They were bought by David Thompson, the owner of Cheveley Park Stud, for his wife

Patricia. Bloodstock agent David Minton, who completed the transaction, said: The Thompsons owned Classified

had a lot of fun with them. "We were looking for youngish horses who had a bit of mileage left in them. They both have entries in the Irish National and at Punchestown

and could run there after Saturday." The Thompsons own a number of horses, both on the Flat and over iumps, the best of which is Gran Alba. CRICKET

### South Africa will arouse passions in the Caribbean

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

SOUTH Africa continue a rapid and momentous return to the world cricket stage tomorrow when their team arrives here for a historic first tour to West Indies. A visit only dreamed about for years by cricket lovers, and which politicians never envisaged could happen. finally be-

comes unexpected reality.

Already the South Africans have generated more drama and spectacle off and on the field during one-day matches in India and the World Cup in Australasia than most players experience in a lifetime. Now in the Caribbean, they play three more one-day internationals. followed by South Africa's first Test match for 22 years, in an area where apartheid was always more vehemently opposed than anywhere else on the world's cricket circuit.

Inevitably, the forthcoming fixtures will take place against a highly charged background. It was less than a formight ago that the West Indian grime ministers finally agreed that South Africa could come, though they continue to support trade sanctions. The approval by the various governments for the cricket tour followed President De Klerk's success in his referendum on whether apartheid should continue to be dismantled.

The West Indian cricket and other authorities are con-

**TENNIS** 

New role

found

for Noah

Paris: Two days after resign-

ing as Davis Cup captain. Yannick Noah was given a

new job yesterday as consul-

tant to a masterplan aimed at

François Jauffret, national

technical director of the

French Tennis Federation.

told a news conference that

manent medical backing.

weekend. He said he wanted

to concentrate on a music

Jauffret said all leading

French players had been in-

vited to join the new scheme

under which between ten

and 12 players would eventu-

ally travel the world as "Team

help always available.

rica, 6-3, 6-2. (Agencies)

career.

propelling France to the fore-

front of world tennis.

### TOUR DETAILS

SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY: K C Wessels (exptain), T Bosch, W J Cronje, A A Donald, O Henry, A C Hudson, P Nysten, A P Kuiper, N W Phingle, J N Rhodes, D J Richardson, M W Rushmere, Rhodes, D.J.Richardson, M.R.P.Snell, C.J.P.G. van Zyl

(Kingston, Jamaica). Apr 11: one-day international (Port of Spain, Trinidad). Apr 12: one-day international (Port of Spain, Tranidad). Apr 18 to 23: Test match (Bridgetown, Barbedos).

fident that there will be no demonstrations or protests but, frankly, nobody can be certain: Security will be strict wherever the South Africans go. So far, the occasional letter in the press suggesting the tour is premature and should be boycotted is the only tangible sign of opposi-tion. West Indian grounds are already ringed by fencing to prevent exuberant speciators from running onto the field. Serious disturbances at the matches seem unlikely.

It remains to be seen how large the crowds are for the South African games. The Caribbean is suffering badly from a recession. In an unsophisticated local press the tour has also hardly been featured. Certainly, the visitor gets the impression that the rest of the world, which will watch the matches on satellite television, is anticipating the visit more eagerly than the

West Indians are still arguing about their side's disappointing performance in the World Cup. The selectors omitting players like Richards, Greenidge and Dujon. Marshall has fanned these flames by complaining in print about his treatment with the side in Australasia. which, he said, hastened his decision to retire after the tournament

takes

road

FROM DAVID MILLER

IN JOHANNESBURG

5,000ft in Transvaal two

years ago. "It was up and downhill all the way, more

like a point-to-point," one

Saturday's victory earned him a modest £3,000,

enough to help with the year's groceries and travel from the township. Had he broken the world record, it

could have been £10,000.
"He hardly knows about money, he just runs for the love of it," Francisco Andre.

his Portuguese coach, says.

Andre came from post-revolution Portugal 11

years ago for a better wage

as an electrical designer, ex-

pecting to stay two years, and never went back. He trains Mokibe and several

other prominent runners for no more than the thrill and the satisfaction.

just one among a million township footballers, utilis-

ing his speed. "I played in the lowest division with

Eastern Brothers," he said.
"I played No. 11, on the wing, but then the coach

For 20 years, Mokibe was

of his friends recalls.

Once the South Africans arrive, though, the inherent love of cricket in the West Indies could well assert itself. Clearly, the matches would have been enhanced by the presence of the discarded West Indian players, and also that of Jimmy Cook, the South Africa opening batsman, whose exclusion continues to bewilder the more informed Caribbean

Kepler Wessels, the South Africa captain, toured the West Indies as an Australian player in 1983-4 and knows the arduous pressure to which his players will be subjected by endless fast bowling on poor pitches. In Allan Donald, South Africa have probably the fastest bowler on either side. How he responds to carrying his attack singlehanded is one of several fascinating imponderables that will be disclosed in the coming weeks.

D Johannesburg: South Africa have confirmed that they have invited Pakistan and West Indies to play in a triangular one-day tournament next February. West Indies have already accepted their invitation. (AFP)

### ROWING

### Firm hand guides start rehearsals

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ROGER Stephens, the umpire for tomorrow's 138th University Boat Race, showed himself to be firm and fair in the start rehearsals yesterday. Efficient organisation of the start is vital, not only for the crews but for hundreds of media outlets which will be organising their rotas around

Noah had accepted a central 35pm tomorrow. The only disruption that role in the scheme to produce an elite squad of champions. occurred yesterday was when He said the French federation would launch the scheme expectedly arrived on the next week with an initial empty stake boat next to group of six or seven players Cambridge, drawing from Stephens: "Absolutely no supported by three coaches, two physical trainers and perway. Let Cambridge have their half-hour practice. Noah resigned after Please paddle down-stream." France, the holders, made an isis obeyed, presumably not unexpected exit to unseeded imagining that such an obvi-Switzerland in the quarterous form guide would be finals of the Davis Cup last

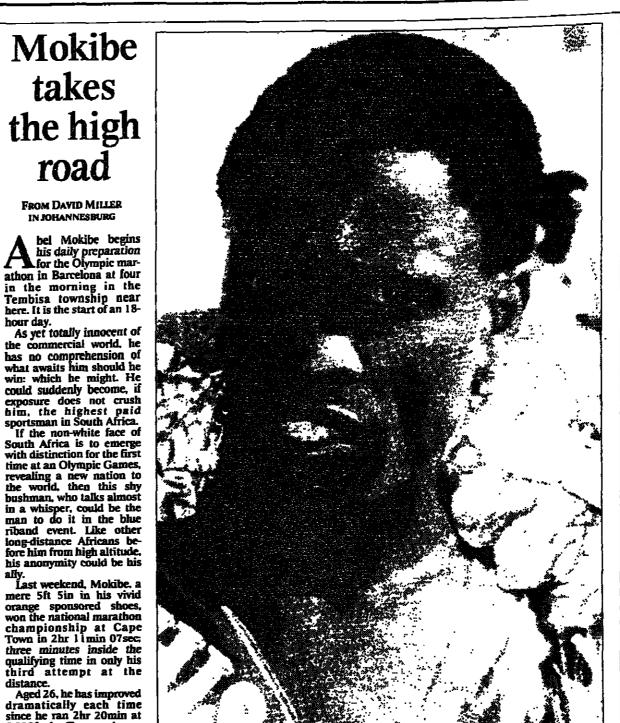
permitted. Cambridge undertook starts of 30 strokes and 40 strokes. In the first, when the rate range was 43 to 38, they suffered something of a hiatus in the last ten strokes, but in the second, when they rated ten in the first quarter minute and 38 in the full minute, the boat was running

France". with professional much better. ☐ Lille: Chris Bailey, of Brit-Observers looked forward ain, reached the quarter-finals of the French Satellite to a direct comparison of speed with Oxford, but the Masters in Lille by beating Clinton Ferreira, of South Af-Dark Blues did a long warmup and the following tide became more pronounced. A

veteran "Old Blues" crew helped to simulate Boat Race tension by becoming discon-nected from their stake boat before the first effort. When started, Oxford did 25 strokes and managed 10 and 20 b strokes respectively in the quarter and half-minute. The second row, of 30 strokes, saw the rate range from 43 to 38. Both starts looked lively, but Oxford failed to clear the rather "old" Old Blues in

either piece. Chris Drury, the Cambridge Tideway adviser, had little doubt that his proteges were moving the faster. Steve Royle, the Oxford coach, contented himself with: "We do not expect to lead them at the

Stephens is not a qualified umpire but he successfully took charge of the Isis and Goldie reserve race in 1985 and 1987 and has umpired other private matches on the Tideway. He will start the race by saying: "Attention. Set. Go.", the norm in domestic competition but not used in the Boat Race until 1991. With a new personal touch, he will, if any second warning is necessary, call out the stroke man's christian name rather than the crew name. TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford: 8:30am and 12 noon Cumbridge: 9am and 12 noon. BOAT RACE: Tomorrow: 2.35pm.



Man from the bush: Mokibe carries South Africa's Olympic marathon hopes

became an attacking left back." He has been training with Andre for four years, ever since he came second in a 32-kilometre road race. They have a close, sympa-thetic relationship that suits Mokibe's self-effacing nature, both of them working at Scaw Metals at Ger-miston, a suburb town of the big city. Mokibe takes his electrical apprentice-ship exams in a month's

Andre set about strengthening Mokibe's diminutive frame, giving him gym work for the first time, to develop his calf muscles and produce greater drive, especialon the hills where Mokibe is naturally tal-

"Barcelona's a tough course, especially with that long uphill finish, and that's where Abel can show his legs were no thicker than my arms.'

Mokibe, whose father came from Botswana, rises at four, does an hour's road running, and arrives by six at work, where he can do circuit training in the sports club gymnasium before starting work at seven. Finishing at 4.30, he runs again, arriving back at Tembisa by eight, then to study

ndre says of Mokibe:
"His life at present is being an electrician. I know that he could win in Barcelona, but I don't want to put pressure on him. We can't tell how the environment of the Games will affeet him, the crowds, the strangeness. Here, he deliberately leads a quiet, exclusive existence.

Andre will maintain the low profile for his runner, wanted me at No. 3, so I "When he began with me, over the next few months: 1992.

some out-of-town events. following his own strategy. maybe one or two crosscountry races in the winter

season just beginning.
If South Africa had been unified in time, Mokibe would have been in the team for the recent world championships in Boston, having finished sixth in last year's national champ-

"It was wet and muddy," Andre recalls. "After two kilometres. Abel was lying eightieth, and I had to shout at him to get him moving." Mokibe's uphill strength carried him

through the field.

Psychologically, his genial coach's presence in Barcelona will be critical. and it is encouraging to know that Scaw Metals may decide to sponsor Andre's fare to the Games. for the making of what

### Closure threat to **Olympics** centre

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE British Olympic Medical Centre at Harrow, the most advanced and comprehensive in the country, is threatened with closure after the Barcelona Games. In a controversial move that will split national governing bodies and sports medicine authorities, the British Olympic Association (BOA) may sup-port a network of smaller centres rather than its own at Northwick Park

The 14-strong staff have already been warned that the centre could close at the end of 1992, five years after it was opened by the Princess Royal. the president of the BOA. who said then that "it had been a long time coming".

A final decision on the centre, which has been extensively used by competitors preparing for the Olympics. will follow a meeting with the Sports Council later this month. The council is greatly increasing its contribution of taxpayers' money to spons medicine.

A spokeswoman for the BOA said: "There is no good duplicating services and we feel we should be combining forces. The important thing is how best to provide the service to the Olympic competi-tors. We feel a network of centres throughout the country, some perhaps at the national sports centres, could be the best way forward.

"Northwick Park could well be one of these places. Many sports want physiological testing near to where they train and not all together at one London hospital.

The BOA agreed in 1987 that the centre should be part of a hospital which could pro-vide supplementary services and speed referals. In 1989 only 163 competitors were seen but this rose to 309 in 1990 and 556 last year. There has also been invaluable research work.

Brian Armstrong, director of international rowing, said: If the centre closes it will be an immense gap in our ability to monitor our athletes progress physiologically.' Major Terry Bunyard, president of the British Modern Pentathlon Association, said: We have benefited enormously from the centre's services. Most of the Olympic squad are based in the south. We would not like to see any diminution in the services. would like to have the issue iscussed by the Olympic Committee."

### **EQUESTRIANISM**

### Master Craftsman due some luck

By Jenny Macarthur

VIRGINIA Leng, who hopes to be selected for her third successive Olympic Games this summer, heads the record entry of 163 in the advanced class of the King's Somborne Horse Trials in Hampshire on Sunday.

With Badminton, the main Olympic trial, less than five weeks away. King's Somborne, sponsored by Pedigree Chum, has attracted most of the leading contenders for that event. Sixteen nations will be competing.

Other top British riders include Mary Thomson and Karen Dixon (née Straker). members of the gold medalwinning team at the 1991 European championships. and Rodney Powell, the winner of Badminton last year. Blyth Tait, New Zealand's world champion, heads the foreign entry.

Leng, a former world and European champion, is riding her two Badminton entries, Master Craftsman, aged 12, and Welton Houdini, aged nine. The horses, both owned by Citibank, finished ninth and seventh at Poplar Park in Suffolk last month. They have not competed since — and may do only the show jumping and dressage on Sunday.

Master Craftsman's recent history has made Leng cautious about the run-up to Badminton, It was at King's Somborne two years ago that "Crafty", the winner of an Olympic bronze medal in 1988 and Badminton and the European championships in 1989, twisted his pastern coming out of the water. He was withdrawn from Bad-

minton and also missed the 1990 world championships. Last year a mystery knock to his near-fore fetlock on the eve of Badminton forced Leng to withdraw him for the second successive year. With

two more events — Belton and Brigstock - scheduled for later this month, Leng will decide tomorrow whether to run them across country on Sunday. Mary Thomson, also hop-

ing for Olympic selection, has no such inhibitions with her two entries, King William and King Boris.

### McIlvanney receives sports prize

HUGH McIlvanney, of The Observer, was named yester-day as the British sports journalist of the year in the awards organised by the Sports Council and the Sports Writers' Association and sponsored by Minet, the international insurance

OTHER PRINCIPAL AWARD WRINERS: Sports feature writer: lan Wooldindge (Delly Mall). Sports reporter: Malcolm Folley (Delly Express) Olympic sports writer: Alan Hubbard (The Observer). Doug Gardner memorial award: Devid Hurn (freelance). Regional: Kerth Newbery (The News, Porternouth) Weekly, Richard Tugwell (Ordroft Mall), Magazine: Bill Blott (Today's Galler). Design: Delly Mirror.

### HOCKEY

### Bloor decides final

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

UAU recovered the British Universities Sports Federation title after three years at Birmingham yesterday with a hard-won 1-0 victory over Northern Ireland in the final. Defences were so tightly controlled that freedom of movement was restricted up front. Yet Bloor and Land found sufficient room to trouble the Irish defence.

UAU's assertiveness was rewarded eight minutes into the second half by the only goal of the game. Land cut in sharply from the right and. cloaking his intentions skilfully, set up a chance for Bloor

A renewal of endeavour by

the closing minutes UAU launched a spirited counterattack from which they nearly scored but McMurray, the Irish goalkeeper, saved from Land at the expense of a long

the Irish kept the UAU de-

fence busy but it held out. In

UAU I: S Mason; O Cross (capt), D Bottle, D Philips, D Main, M Sutton, C Knewl, P Maiton, C Bloor, O Jones, N Lend. NORTHERN IRELAND: A McMurray; G Sterriti, K Dunlop, M Wainwright, J Rose (capt), S Boomer, C Anderson (aux. Magoe), D Stewart, G Robb, G Curne, P Mitchell Homeleage G Nept Maysthese Courshaps and Umpires: G Nash (Northern Counties) and D Collier (Southern Counties).

OTHER RESULTS: Severith place: Wales 4, Scotland 2. Fifth place: Cambridge 4, UAU 1. Third place: London 3, Oxford 2. Women: Final placinger: 1, Scotland, 7pts; 2. England A. 7:3, Loxbridge, 7:4, England B. 5. 5, Wales, 4, 8, Northern Ivaland, 3.

**AUTOSPORT** BRAZILIAN PRIX Full details and qualifying times on Friday and Saturday, with

warm-up and post race reports from Sunday's race at INTERLAGOS

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### **SQUASH RACKETS**

### Tough task awaits Jansher

By COLIN MCQUILLAN ON RECENT tournament

performance, both top seeds

ought to dominate the Hi-Tec British Open championships that start tomorrow with qualifying rounds at Lambs Club in the City of London and culminate with finals on the Perspex court at Wembley on April 13. But the game's premier tournament is often more about strength, nerve and timing than pure form. Jansher Khan, of Pakistan. is unbeaten this year and for the first time since he lost the 1987 final approaches a British Open free from the overwhelming presence of his

year with back problems. Susan Devoy, the New Zealander, unexpectedly unseated in last year's quarter-finals by Sue Wright, the British national champion, and replaced as title-holder for the first time since 1984 by Lisa Opie, has won every significant women's tournament on the European circuit since her comeback four months ago after a miscarriage.

elder compatriot, Jahangir

Khan, the record ten-times

title-holder who is absent this

Jansher's lot appears the more demanding. The British Open is the last leading title eluding the stick thin but steel hard player, aged 22. from Peshawar. "I am always unlucky in that tournament," he said

To reach his peak in the same decade dominated by his compatriot, aged 28, is probably his greatest misfortune, a lesser one being that his progress towards this year's final is likely to be hotly disputed. Among those standing in

his way are Chris Walker, the European champion who reached his first world tour semi-final in Madrid last month, Peter Marshall, the increasingly feared doublehanded British national champion, and Rodney Martin, the Australian whose foot tendon injuries may be sufficiently recovered to allow a repeat of the victory that dispossessed the Pakistani of his world Open title last August.

If Martin advances to the final, he may find his fellow Australian, the second-seeded Chris Dittmar, thirsting to avenge his world tide defeat in Adelaide, where Dittmar was the strongest of home combination of physical and town favourites. Dittmar has his own prob-

lems on the way to the final, however. Still carrying some shin problems, his quarter includes Simon Parke, aged 19. the junior world champion, from Yorkshire, who thrashed Jansher in December's Dutch Open and has beaten other physically troubled Australians in this tournament. Devov's worst nightmares

may be caused by the younger English players. Opie is back on court after a disruptive



after a pale performance in Guernsey last month, a successful defence by the fifthseeded champion, aged 28, would be extraordinary. Her lifelong Guernsey ri-

val, Martine Le Moignan, has been Devoy's closest attendant in recent competition, although the world champion may be more concerned about another likely quarter-final tussle with Wright, followed by a probable semi-final against either Michelie Martin, the Australian who almost toppled her in Guernsey, or Cassandra Jackman, the junior world champion from Norfolk whom even Devoy regards as a natural successor.

SEEDINGS: Ment: 1. Jansher Khan (Pak);
2. C Drittmer (Aus); 3. R Martin (Aus); 4. C Robertson (Aus); 5. B Martin (Aus); 6. R Robertson (Aus); 5. B Martin (Aus); 6. R Robertson (Aus); 7. T Mancarrow (Aus); 10. M Mascleson (Scot); 11, D Herris (Eng); 12, P Martistall (Eng); 13, S Pathe (Eng); 16, C Walter (Eng); 17, D Beteen (Eng); 16, C Walter (Eng); 17, D Beteen (Eng); 18, A Davies (Walse), Woment: 1, S Devoy (NZ); 2. R Lawrbourne (Aus); 3, M Le Moignan (Eng); 2. M Martin (Aus); 5. L Ople (Eng); 6. C Jackmen (Eng); 7, L Irving (Aus); 8, 3 Wright (Eng); 9, H Wellines (Can); 10, D Drady (Aus); 11. S Homes (Eng); 12, F Geswes (Eng); 13, R Sest (Me); 14, S Bradoy (Aus); 15, L Soutier (Eng); 18, S Bradoy (Aus).

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### **Uefa likely** to fine **Bruges for** missiles

**BY OUR SPORTS STAFF** 

A PIECE of concrete hurled into the Werder Bremen goalmouth in Bruges on Wednesday night is likely to lead to a fine for the host club from Uefa, the game's governing body in Europe.

Home supporters threw objects, including the concrete. at visiting German players during the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final, won 1-0 by the Belgian club. "Things happened that should not have happened." the FC Bruges secretary, Jacques De Nolf, said with the understatement of the night, "but they did not affect

the outcome of the game."

Bremen did not file a complaint but the Uefa representative told De Nolf that he would report the throwing of missiles in the 21,000-capacity Olympia Stadium.

The Bremen goalkeeper, Oliver Rech, left the field injured in the 65th minute alongside an official who carried a fist-sized piece of concrete found in the goalmouth. De Noif claimed that Rech told him he had been injured not by the concrete but in a clash with the Bruges for-ward, Daniel Amokachi. Earlier, the Bremen defender. Thorsten Legat, had been hit by a small object but returned to the game unhurt.

With their international defender, Pascal Plovie, tearing knee ligaments and facing a four-months lay-off, it was a troublesome night altogether for Bruges with not even the result guaranteeing them a place in next month's Lisbon

In the other Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. Monaco's hopes of becoming the first French club to win a European trophy were not helped by a 1-1 draw at home against Feyenoord. The crucial away goal was only the third scored by the Dutch side in seven matches. Monaco's goal was also the first conceded by the Rotteniam club in the Cup.

Barring upsets in their respective home games on Wednesday week, the Euro-pean Cup final at Wembley on May 20 should be between Barcelona and Sampdoria. The last realistic hopes of the holders, Red Star Belgrade, disappeared when they were beaten 3-1 in their "home" game in Sofia by Sampdoria.
It left the Italian club need-

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE patience that has sus-

tained Graeme Souness, the

Liverpool manager, through

a traumatic season was final-

ly rewarded yesterday. Just 72 hours before the FA Cup

semi-final against Ports-

mouth at Highbury, Souness

was able to announce that, for

the first time in more than seven months, every member

of his senior squad was fully

Sieve Nicol, Ray Houghton

Although John Barnes.

ing just a draw from their remaining home game with Panathinaikos on April 15 to reach the final. In a match of nine bookings — six from Sampdoria — Red Star went ahean in the 13th minute from Mihajlovic's free kick only for Sampdoria's expatriot Yugoslav, Katanec to hit the 34th minute equaliser. Vasilievic's subsequent own goal and Mancini's 77th-minute effort completed

a 3-1 away win. Sampdoria's goal difference is far superior to that of the Yugoslavs, whose only hope now is that they hammer Anderlecht in Belgium in the probably forlorn hope that Panathinaikos register their first win of group A in Genoa. The Greeks, who have yet to score a goal, gained their third point from goalless draws against Ander-lecht, whose failure to win puts paid to their chances of a Wembley visit.

Barcelona favourites to qualify from Group B despite losing 1-0 in Prague against Sparta. They face a serious test of nerves, nevertheless, on April 15 against Benfica who can qualify for the final by winning should Sparta fail to gain more than a point from their visit to Dynamo Kiev. On form that seems unlikely given Kiev's collapse, by 5-0 in Lisbon, to Benfica.

Calls for a return to the old European Cup format, dispensing with the semi-final groups, are inevitable judg-ing by the crowds of only 10.000 that watched the games in Portugal and Greece.

The performance of the night was undoubtedly that by Ajax in the very same Luigi Ferraris stadium where Genoa had led Liverpool to contemplate a Uefa Cup exit in the quarter-finals. A late goal from midfield by Aron Winter gave the Dutch dub a 3-2 win, making it favourites to reach the final.

Torino maintained remote hopes of an all-Italian final for the second year running by scoring an away goal in Madrid, the first of the tie from Casagrande in the 57th minute. Hagi and Hierro replied within the next eight minutes to give Real a 2-1 win and keep the tie in the

emphatic 4-0 League win

over Notts County at Anfield

on Tuesday night because of

hamstring injuries, all four have fully recovered and will

be available for the tie against

the second division club on

"Obviously, this is very pleasing news bearing in mind all the problems which

we have had to contend with

for so long," Souness said. The only member of Liver-

pool's recognised first-team

squad who will not come into



Belgian club faces punishment after concrete is thrown onto pitch in Cup Winners' Cup tie

Forward-looking: Lee Power may have come into Norwich's attack just in time to secure a place in Sunday's FA Cup semi-final against Sunderland

### Walton finds the light

By LOUISE TAYLOR

NORWICH City were in relaxed mood yesterday as they talked of their preparations for their FA Cup semi-final against Sunderland at Hills-borough on Sunday. The players were happy to chat. and Dave Stringer, the man-ager, answered questions with commendable candour.

Nobody caught the mood better than Mark Walton. Aged 22, the Welshman from Merthyr Tydfil was a regular in the reserves until three months ago; then Bryan Gunn, the established Norwich goalkeeper, injured his back. Since then Walton has played in every Cup game and saved a penalty against Millwall in the fourth round.

At Christmas it was a very different story. "I was find-ing it hard to see a light at the end of the tunnel." Wal-ton said yesterday. "If you'd

Souness rejoices in clean bill of health

Dean Saunders, the Wales

international forward, who

will be completing a three-

David Phillips, the Nor-

wich City full back, will miss

the FA Cup semi-final against

Sunderland at Hillsborough on Sunday. Phillips, who was

a member of the winning Coventry side five years ago,

aggravated a hamstring inju-

ry during the 3-1 defeat by Manchester United on

Ian Crook, the midfield play-

match suspension.

told me then that I'd be play-ing in a game of Sunday's magnitude, I'd have laughed. I'd only played six games in

two years here.
"But everything can change so quickly in football. I'm lucky to get this chance which a lot of much better players never have."

Walton - who has still to concede more than three goals in a senior game — had an admirer in Gunn, who said: "Mark is a great shot-stopper. He's made some spectacular saves. He's also very confident for his age and good at talking to the de-fence. That ability to commu-nicate with your back four is

The back injury is the worst of Gunn's ten-year professional career — six at Nor-wich — but he seemed sanguine as he sat opposite and joked with Walton at Dave Stringer.'

er, is also doubtful with a calf

injury, but City are confident

that their leading goalscorer, Robert Fleck, will be back in contention after undergoing

intensive treatment on two

Fleck is being treated with

the aid of a Hyoxhypebaric therapy unit, which Nprwich

have hired for £3,000 on trial

for a month. Fleck is locked

inside it for an hour each day

so oxygen can be forced into his lungs in a bid to repair

damage that usually takes six

cracked ribs.

lunch. "I know how Mark feels, Jim Leighton kept me in the reserves at Aberdeen for a long time," Gunn said. And because goalkeepers are a bit different from other players, there is a camaraderie between me and Mark. I really wish him well."

Gunn is debating whether it will be. "less agonising" to help commentate for a radio station or simply sit in the stand at Hillsborough, but with Norwich against Everton three years ago he would love to play at Wem-

bley.
"If we win the semi-final, I know I will be the understudy and it is going to be down to Mark to keep me out," he said. "It will be good for both of us to face competition and a nice problem for

Fleck, aged 26, missed

Norwich's semi-final defeat

by Everton in 1989 because

of his father's death and is

desperate to play this time, but the Scotland internation-

al said: "I won't be tempted to

take a chance because I

missed out last time. The

but if I'm not 100 per cent fit

I won't play. It wouldn't be

Fleck has scored 11 goals in

17 FA Cup ties, one short of

Terry Allcock's club record

fair on the other lads."

for the competition.

### Ball not got in ahead of Ken-ny Dalglish and persuaded him that his career would be better served by a start in a smaller pond. Crash kills

'Juanito' Madrid: The former Spanish international midfield player, Juan "Juanito" Gomez Gonzales, was killed yesterday in a car crash near Madrid after watching a Uefa Cup match between his old club, Real Madrid, and Tori-

decision will be down to me no, of Italy. Capped 35 times in the 1970s and 1980s, "Juanito" achieved fame with Real Burgos before spending ten years with Real Madrid when the dub won four League titles and two Uefa Cups.

### **GOLF**

Anderton

plans

to stay at

**Fratton** 

By CLIVE WHITE

A VICTORY over Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final at Highbury on Sunday is not

the only rude surprise that Porismouth have in store for

their illustrious opponents. Graeme Souness, who has found it necessary to take the

air on the south coast on

numerous occasions this sea-

son and invariably at Fratton

Park, may be disappointed to

learn that Darren Anderton,

a player with whom he is not unfamiliar, has no intention

of swapping the Solent for the

Such a display of loyalty belongs to a bygone era, but sadly it may all be in vain.

Should Liverpool beat Ports-

mouth and, more crucially.

the second division club fail to

achieve its prime objective

this season, promotion to the Premier League, Anderton's

views on the matter may

count for little once Jim Greg-

ory, the Portsmouth chair-

man, gets round to assessing the financial state of the club.

A payment of £2 million or

more from the Reds would

put Pompey comfortably in

Even so, there cannot be

many young players who would try their hardest to do

well against Liverpool in

order that they do not have to

join them. Surprisingly, the quietly-spoken modest young

winger is not the only one

among Portsmouth's talented

and tightly knit crop of

youngsters who would not

give a thank-you for a move to

Andy Awford, whom Jim

Smith, the Ponsmouth man-

ager, conceded might be more likely to go than Anderson in the event of a

compulsory purchase order, also expressed a desire to stay

at the club and help it to

regain its former glory. It is

not a coincidence that both have graduated from the

"Portsmouth have given

me a chance here and I want

to get them into the first

division," Anderton said.
"I'm still learning my trade
and a move might not work

out for me. I play football

doing that so much that I

don't really want to leave at

all." Awford concurred: "I'm

happy where I am at the

Awford, a life-long Liver-

pool supporter, might now be on the Anfield staff had Alan

merely to enjoy it and I'm

club's youth team.

Anfield or anywhere else.

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### String of birdies puts Ballesteros into an early lead

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN NEW ORLEANS

SEVERIANO Ballesteros, of Spain, made an early move for victory in the New Orleans Classic yesterday with a wonderful run of four successive birdies on the English Turn course, and finished his first round five stokes under par. on 67. The Spaniard had missed the halfway cut in The Players Championship last week, but put that behind him with an inspirational

Ballesteros began from the 10th hole and reached the turn in 35 with a birdle at the 18th, then started the next nine with birdies at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. He advanced to five under par with another birdie, at the 6th, his fifteenth.

performance.

Steven Richardson had 17 successive pars before dropping a shot at the 18th and finished with a 73.

Ian Woosnam, who has missed the half-way cut in his last two tournaments, also began from the 10th and took 36 to reach the turn. But he was putting with more au-thority, as he showed at the 17th and 18th, where he got down in two from more than 60 feet at each. He dropped a shot at the 1st — his tenth —

but recovered with birdies at the 2nd and 4th.

José-Maria Olazábal made an encouraging start by hol-ing from 20 feet at the 11th. He progressed with another birdie at the 17th, holing from 12 feet, but then took six at the 18th. There, his drive finished in a bunker, and, from an awkward position, he knocked the ball into another. He hit his third shot way over the green, from where he took

another three to get down. Colin Montgomerie owed his place in this tournament to Olazabal qualifying for it by virtue of a top-ten finish last week. But Montgomerie made hard work of his first

nine holes. He did well to save par from a bunker at the 7th, but hit his tee-shot at the 8th into another bunker and, after hitting the recovery through the green, whacked his sand iron into the sand. He chipped to three feet, then stamped his foot in disgust after missing

the putt.

Montgomerie, out in 38. put himself into deeper water with a bogey at the 10th but extracted a birdie from the 13th before going on to finish

### James leads after weathering storm

Rome: Mark James battled through wind, rain, thunder and lightning to claim the first-round lead in the stormhit Rome Masters at Castel-

gandolfo here yesterday. The former Ryder Cup golf-er had his round interrupted for two-and-a-half hours as play was twice suspended but kept his concentration superbly to grind out a two-

under-par 70. It gave the 38-year-old from Leeds a one-stroke advantage from Santiago Luna and Miguel Jimenez, of Spain, and Eduardo Romero and Jorge Berendt, of Argentina.

James had skipped the previous three tour events and walked out halfway through the Turespana Masters in Malaga. He said: "I hate the cold and it was only just bearable for me. I went round with a giant pair of mittens to keep my hands warm." Romero, a two-time winner on tour last year, could have joined James in the lead but for a hooked drive five holes from home.

Berendt came to grief on the same hole, taking three putts from 36 feet, while Jimenez and Luna both blamed missed putts for not improving their returns.

The European Open champion, Mike Harwood, of Australia, slumped to a disappointing 76. Last week's Volvo Open champion, Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, shot a 73. (Agency)

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and ire unless stated): 70: M James, J Payne, W Longmuk, 71: E Flornero (Arg), J Bernott (Arg), S Lune (Sp), M A Jiménez (Sp), 72: J McHenry, R Winchester, M Dunnie (B), J Robson, F Regard (Fr), R Willson, J Robinson, M Davie, J-M Ceffzeres (Sp), 73: H Seby-Green, M McLean, A Forstrand (Swe), J Cheethern, C Buildrach (IS) G Kerses 74: S Termin McLean, A Forsbrand (Swe), J Cheethem, C Raulerson (US), G Kraze, 74; S Timming (Den), P McGinley, N Briggs, D Curry, P Lawne, 72; J Tumba (Swe), I Gernes (SA), J Hawksworth, J Sewell, S Hamil, E O'Connell, R Lee, A Binaghi (It), R Chapmen, J Rivero (Sp).

### Sanders makes a hit with his audience

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

DOUG Sanders, the guy who missed that putt to win the Open at St Andrews in 1970, is now 58 years old. He still plays a little golf, does a lot of business and works an audience with the skill of a master.

Warming up for the first round of the \$800,000 Tradition at Desert Mountain here yesterday, with play delayed two hours because the course was rain-sodden, Sanders finished speaking to his broker on the portable telephone and tired of hitting mediocre practice shots.

"If I could get my wife one more job I could give this game up." he said, deadpan, ready been a big hit.

just loud enough for the earlymorning spectators to hear. They tittered. Sanders made to hit another shot, then decided being a stand-up comedian was more rewarding.

Clad in dark lilac slacks, matching socks and shoes and a lilac glove, the man who has more footwear than Imelda Marcos idled over to his audience. "My wife's the only woman I know who's got a black belt in shopping . ... Jack Nicklaus is favoured

to win here. Sanders, who last won in 1983, is not. His opening drive did not make

### SPORT IN BRIEF

### Germans tighten dope tests

Two days before Katrin Krabbe, Silke Möller and Grit Breuer appeal against their four-year ban, the German athletics federation announced a four-point plan to tighten dope testing.

In future, no warning will be given of random tests, a second test will be conducted immediately, samples will not be anonymous, and, pending the agreement of leading performers, athletes will carry "doping passports" listing their past tests.

### Cook defends

Boxing: Jimmy Cook, of Britain, the European supermiddleweight champion, defends his title in Marseilles tonight against Franck Nicotra, of France.

### Spot on

Golf: Two players - Craig Mann, of Australia, at the 161-yard 4th hole, and Roberto Velasquez, of Colombia, at the 215-yard 6th made holes-in-one in the Thai Open in Bangkok.

### **MOTOR RACING**

Tuesday.

### Senna determined to take a gamble

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN SÃO PAULO

AYRTON Senna, tanned and fully recovered from his accident in Mexico ten days ago, is adamant the new "fly by wire" McLaren Honda will be raced here at the Interlagos circuit. This is his home town and it would certainly pain him to lose in front of the fanatical "torcida", the noisy footballstyle supporters, who are fanatical about the driver who has been world champion three times.

"We will definitely use the new cars," Senna said yesterday. Why, then, have six cars been brought here? The answer must lie in the drivers feeling uneasy about staking their all on a car that will be introduced to racing a month before its scheduled date.

This circuit is fast and demanding, sure to find any weaknesses in the new McLaren. The old car is slow but reliable, and points are more important for McLaren than trying to introduce a new car too early. Still, that is in the high points again.

what they seem to be doing. Williams and Renault have no such problems. The victorious cars have travelled down from Mexico and except for a fuel tweak to reflect the change in altitude

Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese will be driving the same fast, actively-sus-

pended car that has domi-

nated the season.

The McLaren mechanics have been here since Monday, assembling the new cars. It is a huge effort on the part of the Didcot team, some would say a gamble. But the margin, the edge in Formula One, is so slim that at times gambling is the only way forward.

Ferrari also has to gamble, although there was much talk in Italy of using last year's engines, on the assumption that at least they would not blow up as they have all season so fat.

Benetton, third in Mexico, are optimistic they will finish

FOOTBALL NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: West Ham 1, Wimbledon 1. ENGLISH SCHOOLS' ADIDAS TRO-PHY: Regional final: Comwall 2. Berk-phing 3. West ham 1. Wimbledon 1.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' ADIDAS TROPHY: Regional final: Comwall 2. Berkshire 3.

RUSSIAN 1EAGUE: Group A: Spartak
ViadRavkaz 0, Dynamo Moscow 0: Dynamo Stavropol 1, CSKA 2. Tekstlishchik
Kamyshin 3. Uralmash Ekaternburg 0:
Fakei Voronach 1, Geolog Tyumen 0.
Group B: Kuban Krasnodar 2. Shinnik
Yaroslavi 1. Rostselmash Rustor 0,
Lokomotiv Nizhry Novgorod 0: Torpetia
Moscow 2. Krylya Sovetov Samara 0:
Zent St Patersburg 2. Asmara Moscow 4.
Late results on Wednesday
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division:
Everton 0. Southampton 1: Tottenham
Hotspur 3, Weat Ham 0. Second division:
Bristol Rovers 4. Southend United 1:
Derby County 0, Cambridge United 0;
Lelesster City 2. Middlesbrough 1:
Millywall 2. Oxford United 1: Postponad:
Suncertand v Swindon Town. Third
division: Lincoln Cny 1, Carlasic United 0
EUROPEAN CUP: Sami-final series;
Group A: Panathinaikos (Gr) 0. Anderleoth (Bol) 0: Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 1.
Sampdoris (tr) 3 (played in Sofio). Group
B: Sparta Frague 1, Barcelona 0; Benfica
5, Dynamo Kev 0

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, first
leg: FC Bruges 1, Barcelona 0; Benfica
5, Dynamo Kev 0

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-finals, first
leg: FC Bruges 1, Worder Brennen 0;
Monaco 1, Feyencord (Neth) 1.
UEFA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Genoa
2. Ajax (Neth) 3; Real Medid 2. Torino 1.
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Quarter-final
ruplay: Shelbourne 0, Bohomirans 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Bohon 0, Beackourn 0; Coventry
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Bromwich 0, Nottlingham Fores 3, Sacord division: Dutiley 0, Beacworth 3; Sutton
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LIBERTADORES CUP: Group one:
Coquimbo (Chile) 1, Newell's Old Boys
(Arg) 2; Colo Colo (Chile) 1, San Lorenzo
(Arg) 0 Group four: Sport Boys (Peru) 1,
Amèrica (Col) 2; Group five: Sol de
Amèrica (Par) 1, National (Lru) 3; Group
two: São Paulo (Br) 4; Crickums (Br) 0.
Group three: Valcez (Ec) 2; Marithmo
(Ven) 1; Group five: Cerro Porteno (Par)
1; Defensor (Lru) 1;
SLOVENIAN LEAGUE: Maribor Branik 4,
Natita Leadeve 0; Eurospekler (Lubijarsa 3,
Rudar Tribovije 2; Koper 4, Loka Medvode
0; Gorica 3, Mura M Sobota 0; Fludar
Velenja 3, Jadran Lamp Dekanl 1;

U; Conce 3, Mitte M Sociat U; Hutest Velenje 3, Jadran Lame Dekani 1: Potrosnik Beltinci 1, Primorje Ajdovecina 1; Zivita Nakko 0, Behedur boto 0; Zagorje 0, Cikmpija Ljubljens 1: Stekter Statins 3. Domzale 1, Svoboda Mavrica 0, Publicum Celje 0 BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Kingston 91 (Saunders 27. Miller 16, Cunningham 11, Cunmanga 11, Byrd 10), Thames Vasley Tigers 69 (St Krits 20, Lloyd 17. Balogun 14). Kingston champions.

GOLF MIKI, Japan: Descente Cup: First round (Japan unless stated): 86: Y Kaneke, 87: S Okuda, 88: Y Hagawa, 89: M Shiota, 7 Ueno, F irino, T Sughara, N Sarizawa, British scores: British scores: 70; R Rafferty 71: P Hoad

### FOR THE RECORD CYCLING

CYCLING
DE PANNE RACE (Belgium): Second
stage (231km): 1. M Capoline (it), 5hr
37min 35eec; 2, J Museeuw (Bel); 3. A
Baffi (it); 4. L Jashen (Fr); 5. D
Abdujenerov (CS), all same time. Third
stage (185em): 1. S Martinello (it), 4hr
41min 05sec; 2, G Fidanza (it), 3, M Wust
(Ger); 4, B Van Brabent (Bel); 5. W
Nelssen (Beh, all same time. Final
placings: 1, F Maessen (Neth), 13hr Imin
2sec; 2, V Yeldrow (CS), at 24sec; 3, T
Marie (Fr), 44sec; 4, J Caplot (Bel), 1min
2sec; 5, J Nijdam (Neth), 1:03.

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CRYSTAL PALACE: Public schools championships: Junior epèe: 1, P Waish (Emanuel): 2, F Hugher (King's, Canterbury), equal 3, M Bird (Hymera) and J Norbury (City of London). Senior foil: 1, K Beydoun (KCS Wimbleton): 2, A Elison (King's, Canterbury) and S Fuller (KCS Wimbleton) Girls' foil: 1, B Condon (Godolphin and Lalymer): 2, S HW (Elisamera): 3, J Fee (Lancing). Junior épèe: 1, P Waish (Emanuel): 2, F Hughes (King's, Canterbury); equal 3, J Norbury (City of London) and M Bird (Hymers). Senior foil: 1, K Beydoun (KCS Wimbledon): 2, A Elison (King's, Canterbury); equal 3, J Crawfurd (King's, Canterbury) and S Fuller (KCS Wimbledon). Junior sabre: 1, Waish: 2, J Lohn (Brentwood): equal 3, C Cariton (Brentwood) and P Thompson (Whighit). Senior eabre: 1, S MacFatare (Whighit; 2, K Beydoun (KCS Wimbledon); equal 3, D Glancy (Whighit) and N Hill (Brentwood).

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool B. Netherlands 12, China 2 (in Klagenfurt); Yugostava 3, Romana 3 (in Villach). LORD'S: D P Henry Cup competition Final: N Cobb bt R Moore, 1-5, 6-3, 6-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull KR 2, Wigan 17.

RUGBY UNION HEINEKEN WELSH LEAGUE: Secondivision: Aberavon 32. Giamorga Wanderers (). REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Glasgon 16, Edinburgh 12. CLUB MATCH: Rugby 64, Nuneaton 3.

SNOOKER GOFFS, Co Kildere: Irish Mesters: First round: K Doherty (tre) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-3. Querter-final: J Parrott (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 5-1.

\$PEEDWAY CHALLENGE MATCH: Pools 46. Swin don 44. GOLD CUP: Second division: Long Exton 51, Mitton Keynes 39. Postponed: Middlesbrough v Edinburgh.

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Barclays League Third division Bournemouth v Chester (7.45) ...... Stoke v Darlington .... Wigan v Peterborough.... Fourth division

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LACROSSE HYDE: England 13, US All Slars 12

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HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Woman's tournament: Second round: C
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1-6, 6-4, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bi Si-faci.
(Cer), 6-4, 6-2; L Meskhi (CS) bi S Haci.
(US), 6-1, 6-2, N Zverava (CS) bi S
Stafford (US), 6-1, 6-1, P Hy (Can) bi M
Maleeva (But), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Cocchini (II)
bi C Kohde-Käsch (Ger), 6-4, 6-1, D
Graham (US) bi A Grossman (US) 3-6, 6-2,
6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bi T Whitinger (US),
6-3, 6-4, P Ritter (Austria) bi S Franki
(Ger), 6-3, 6-3, G Sabathri (Arg) bi H
Cofff, 6-0, 6-0; M Navratilova bi D Faber,
6-0, 6-2; J Novotina (Cx) bi P Tarabini
(Arg), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, C Kurhiman bi Z
Garrison, 4-6, 6-2, 8-3, Cond round:
A Volkov (CS) bi N Bruno (II), 6-0, 2-6, 6-3; C
Limberger (Aus) bi P Arraya (Pers), 7-6, 46, 6-0; W Ferreira (SA) bi G Stafford (SA),
6-4, 2-6, 6-3; X Daufreene (Bei) bi J Betes
(GB), 6-2, 7-5
LILLE: Men's satelite masters tournament: First round: L Barthez (Fr), bi D
Sepsion (GB), 3-1, ret, Second round:
C Bailey (GB) bi C Ferreira (SA), 8-3, 6-2,
LISBON: Men's tournament: First
round: J Arrase (Sp) bi R Azar (Arg), 6-2,
8-3; K Novacek (C2) bi N Marques (Por), 6-2,
8-4; A Gomez (EC) bi E Couto (Por), 6-3,
7-5, Second round: J Cunha e Skva (Por)
bi H Skoff (Austria), 7-6, 4-1, ret; 5
Bruguera (Sp) bi R Gilbert (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; C
Costa (Sp) bi A Gómez (EC), 6-2, 6-4,
SINGAPORE: Men's tournament: Second round: S You (Aus) bit G Pozzi (II), 6-4,
3-6, 6-3, J Grabb (US) bi J Stemerink
(Nath), 6-3, 7-6, A Moroz (Ger) bit H Holm
(Swe), 6-4, 6-3, J Fitzgerad (Aus) bit P
Kuthnen (Ger), 3-6, 7-5, 6-5

TRIATHALON ANNAPURNA, Nepel (2km swiss, 55km bloyde ride, 12km run): 1, J Meisan (Scot), 4hr 2mm 29aac; 2, S Crossley (Eng.), 453:34; 3, S Megoran (Eng.), 5:4558, Team: 1, National Nepelees, 4.27.21. • FOOTBALL 35

### Cabra says football safe at Stamford Bridge

AND DENNIS SIGNY

CHELSEA supporters were assured last night that there will continue to be football at Stamford Bridge, even though the dub had yesterday been told by the Appeal Court that it had seven days to come up with £22.85 mil-

lion to buy the ground. The one thing we are not going to do is evict Chelsea," Baron Phillips, the spokesman for John Duggan, the chairman of Cabra Estates, the owners of the ground. said. "The future of football at Stamford Bridge is secure."

If the £22.85 million — the price set by an independent valuer — is not paid by next Thursday, it would become a debt on Cheisea and Cabra would-have to take action against the club, probably in the form of a winding-up order. A receiver or administrator would be appointed, but this would not affect the football, and there is, as yet, no suggestion of Chelsea not being able to take up their place in the new Premier League next season.

Chelsea have two home matches this season after next Thursday: against Queen's Park Rangers on April 18 and against Arsenal on April 25. The Cabra spokesman said that neither was in

Chelsea recently took the unusual step of circularising to clubs in England and Scotland the names of players in their reserves, saying that some players on the fringe of the first team were available

On transfer-deadline day last week, they sold Clive Allen to West Ham United for £275,000, only three months after signing him from Manchester City for to Notts County for £225,000. Jason Cundy, their England under-21 central defender, joined Tonenham Hotspur on loan until the end of the season, when an £800,000 transfer will be

completed.

Although Ian Porterfield. the Chelsea manager, has said that money will be available for new players, the Cundy deal has upset many supporters.

Andy Townsend, Chelsea's Republic of Ireland captain. has been linked with a transfer to several leading clubs. with a £3 million price tag. but Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, has said that the club was not interested in selling. He described a suggestion that Manchester United might pay £2.2 million for the player as "an insulting

figure".
The Appeal Court decided



Bates: struggle goes on vesterday to strike out Chelsea's counter-claim for damages against Cabra. Lord Justices Dillon, Leggatt and Nolan refused Chelsea leave to appeal to the House of Lords, but the club is still considering a direct appeal to the law lords, who could

grant a stay for the appeal.

Chelsea lawyers had argued that the fall in the property market between 1988, when the club exercised an option to buy Stamford Bridge, and 1991, when Cabra acknowledged the validity of that option, had made financing the purchase of Stamford Bridge almost

impossible. Lord Justice Nolan said the consequences for the club were "dire". "It deserves sympathy like all others who have suffered from the fall in prop-erty prices." he said.

But the long-running struggle by Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, to keep the club at Stamford Bridge is far from over. Yesterday, he stepped up the pressure on Cabra's board of directors by buying a further 2.5 million shares in the property company. Vanbrugh, the British Virgin Islands company backed by Bates and others.

now has 29.6 per cent of Cabra and is the group's biggest shareholder.

Bates will use the Vanbrugh stake as the basis for an attempt to have John Duggan, the Cabra chairman, and Andrew MacKay, a Cabra director and MP for Berkshire East, voted off the Cabra board.

However, the extraordinary general meeting at which such a proposal would be considered would be some weeks after Chelsea's General Election-day deadline.

Despite the apparent acrimony between the two parties, professional advisers to both Chelsea and Cabra are believed to be working on a compromise deal that may yet secure Chelsea's future at Stamford Bridge. Yesterday, there were reports that Duggan had turned down a deal reputedly worth up to £19 million, although sources

close to the negotiations said such a figure looked on the

Cabra's lead bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland, is also understood to be aware of the negotiations. When Bates last week un-

veiled the Vanbrugh stake in Cabra, he spoke of working towards an "elegant solution" to the club's dispute with Cabra. That could involve Chelsea buying SB Property, the Cabra subsidiary that actually owns Stamford Bridge

and Craven Cottage, Ful-ham's Thames-side ground Selling Stamford Bridge. either to Chelsea or to a third party, could generate a huge capital gains tax bill for SB Property. Selling SB Property to Chelsea could produce the same feturns for Cabra shareholders but at a lower cost to Chelsea.

FA Cup build-up, page 35

1877: former market garden site opened as athletics stadium by London Athletics Club.
1904: Mears family buys the ground and turns it into a football ground, hoping to attract Futham from Craven Cottage.
1905: Chelsea FC formed to occupy ground and admitted to Football League.
1970: Chelsea reveals a blueprint for an all-seat 60,000 stadium, which was never completed. By 1978 Chelsea's debta had grown to \$21.5 million.

1978 Chaisea's debts had grown to £1.5 million.
1981: Stamford Bridge Property Company formed as holding company to take over from Cheisea FC.
1982: Ken Bates buys the club from the Mears family for £200,000. David Mears sells his share in SB Property to Marter Estates, making that firm the owner of the ground.
1985: Marter given planning permission to redevelop the site.
1987: Bates submits alternative scheme, incorporating football stadium, which is approved in 1990.

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**Indian Test batsman confirms informal offer** 

### Yorkshire ready to make move for Tendulkar

YORKSHIRE'S cricket subcommittee is noised to take a momentous decision when it meets at Headingley this morning. It is expected to confirm an approach to Sachin Tendulkar, the outstanding young Indian batsman, to become their first overseas player.

It emerged last week that Tendulkar had been suggested as a replacement for Craig McDermott, the Australian fast bowler who had been Yorkshire's first choice but who withdrew through injury last month. Initially reluctant, Tendulkar was contacted through his mentor, Sunil Gavaskar, who reportedly advised him to take the

opportunity.

Last night Tendulkar's brother, Ajit, confirmed that the family had had a telephone offer but had not yet made a decision. If, as seems likely, the cricket committee does ratify the offer this morning, things are expected

to move quickly, with the club's secretary, Chris Hassall, flying to India.

Until last winter, Yorkshire

had always resisted employing anyone born outside the county boundaries. Declining membership and financial pressure after a decade of failure on the field against counties strengthened by overseas imports, convinced the new president, Sir Lawrence Byford, that the policy had to be changed. His persuasiveness and political acumen led to a change in the rules and Yorkshire signed McDermott.

His withdrawal left the county in something of a quandary. With a fast bowler the prime target, there were few desirable replacements available, although there may be suggestions this morning that the Antiguan Ken Benjamin should be considered, but Byford insisted that Yorkshire would sign only a world-

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Tendulkar is certainly that At only 18, he has made a phenomenal impact on world cricket since his first-class debut three years ago. A righthand batsman of maturity beyond his years, he is capable of destroying even the best

He scored two Test centuries during India's tour of Australia in the winter, and has been widely acclaimed as potentially one of the greatest said that he is a better player than he himself was at the

He has already achieved film-star status in India and his work as a model may delay his arrival in England until May. That however is unlikely to prove a barrier.

He may indeed prove a better bargain for Yorkshire than McDermott would have been, as he faced the prospect of missing the later stages of the season because of Australia's tour of Sri Lanka. His batting could make the

county a formidable force in one-day cricket, where his swing bowling may also be useful. In the short and even medium term, that will have a far greater effect on the county's finances than success in the county championship.

He will also undoubtedly

have an important impact on the county's much-criticised race relations. It may not result in an influx of Yorkshire-born Asians into the team, but as a bridge between the club and the large Asian community. Tendulkar could play an important role. That too might help to boost attendances.

Significantly, the move to sign Tendulkar was begun at the suggestion of Solly Adan.

a local Asian community
leader and friend of



No encore: J-J-Henry and Anthea Farrell, last year's winners, part company in the John Hughes Trophy at Liverpool yesterday

### National plans in melting pot after fences take heavy toll

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THREE jockeys ended in hospital and one horse died yesterday as the formidable Aintree fences exacted their toll on the opening day of the Grand National meeting.

Mark Perrett will be out of action for three weeks after breaking his collar-bone in a horrific fall on Trublion. while Jamie Osborne was badly shaken after Far Over Struy

fell and died in the same race. Osborne gave up his remaining rides and must pass the course doctor before resuming today. He is due to ride What's The Crack in tomorrow's Grand National.

Anthony Tory underwent x-rays after aggravating an old neck injury when Shannagary fell in the John Hughes Memorial Trophy and may miss the rest of the meeting, while Graham Bradley went to hospital

with a hand injury.
The casualties prompted changes in riding plans for tomorrow's Martell Grand National. With the ground faster than anticipated, Martin Pipe released Peter Scudamore from riding Bonanza Boy.
The champion jockey is likely to

take over from Tory on Docklands Express, the third favourite, who will benefit from the drving conditions. Steve Smith Eccles replaces Scudamore on Bonanza Boy while Peter Niven takes over from Perrett on Rubika. Marcus Armytage could replace Bradley on Rowlandsons

Scudamore last night confirmed the probable switch to Docklands Express. "I have been asked to ride Docklands Express if Anthony has to give up his rides for the rest of the meeting," he said.
Ironically, Bonanza Boy had been

the subject of a sustained gamble prior to the jockey changes and was cut by most bookmakers to 20-1. Docklands Express was trimmed to 10-1 from 12-1 when Scudamore confirmed he was standing by to

Earlier in the day, Lorcan Wyer was confirmed as the rider of Mar-

tin Pipe's second string, Omerta, winner of the Irish National last year but without a run this term. Wyer, who will be having his sec-ond National ride, has already tast-

ed big-race success on Omerta, winning the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham in 1986 when the horse was trained by Homer Scott. Other riding arrangements finalised were Michael Bowlby for Willsford, Ben de Haan for Team Challenge and Mark Richards for Pipe's third string, Huntworth, Heavy rainfall in many parts of

the country persuaded punters to keep on backing Grand National runners who prefer soft ground. Unfortunately for them, the rain bypassed Aintree for the third successive day and all the jockeys riding yesterday reported the

ground to be good or even fast. Cool Ground confidence, page 32



### Woosnam likes idea of being double Master

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN NEW ORLEANS

IAN Woosnam has enjoyed his year as the Master golfer but the fame has examined his patience since his win at Augusta National. "I've been verbally abused, even in Oswestry, where I live." he says. "I was in town the other week shopping with my wife. sister and brother-in-law and five well-dressed lads walked

actually thought how nice it was to see them all looking so smart but one turned round and abused me for no reason whatsover. There is no need for that sort of thing. I know some people get jealous. But why? I mean.
I've gone out. I've struggled and by making it I would like to think I've shown others what can be done."

Woosnam had five unproductive years behind him before his first win in 1982. In the last ten years, he has become rich and famous. He has remained one of the lads at his local course as well as en the circuit, although he has wrestled with the responsibilities of being a role "I like to be respected for

what I do," he says. "I'm not a speaker, or anything like that. and I know my attitude sometimes in press-rooms is very poor. But it's just the way I am. I'm aggressive: I have to say my point. I hate being slagged for something I've done. I hate it. "But I know it's like my

Dad said to me: that I don't belong just to the family but to the public as well. Everybody wants a piece of me. It's learning to live with that. But I am just an ordinary person who comes from Oswestry, where most of the people are just great, who likes a drink, who likes a cigarette and who wants to stay that way. I just want to go out and play golf.



Woosnam: abused

"Yes, I've got a lot of money, a nice house, a nice car, an aeroplane, but the bottom line is I just want to enjoy myself like anyone else."

Woosnam admits that somewhere between winning the Masters last April and playing in the Ryder Cup in September, he did lose interest. He castigated the press. apportioning blame to them

for Europe's defeat, but he admits he was so dismayed by his own form, caused as he later discovered by his clubs being four swing-weights out, that he did not want to be at

"I was hitting the ball so

The Times tomorrow features a full-colour map of the

Grand National course plus the colours for all 40 runners

and an A to Z guide to their chances

inconsistently that I told Bernard [Gallacher] to let someone else have a go from the start," he says. "I told him I just wanted to play in the singles. The whole experience absolutely shattered me. I can take losing in the World Match Play Championship because that's an individual thing, but to lose in the Ryder Cup is to lose for everyone on the team. I get twice as nervy, twice as jumpy as I would in a

Woosnam, of course, remained composed on the 18th tee at Augusta with the Masters in his sights. "You're pumped-up, psyched-up and a lot more nervous because you know that you might not get this chance again," he

couldn't get the tee peg into the ground or anything like that. I'd got myself there and I had the self belief that I could do it. And self belief is more important than commitment or technique."

His drive veered to the left with such power that the ball carried the fairway bunkers. taking them out of play. Tom Watson, alongside him, hit his ball right into the trees. "I doubt whether I'd get the

chance to hit that shot again because last year the tee was slightly up, only four or five yards, but enough. The branches of the trees have got closer to the tee over the years and off the very back you would have to take a different

"I knew that Offie Hose-Maria Olazábali was in a bunker in two and, of course, that Tom was in the trees. My aim was to get to the green safely in two. The spectators were a distraction -- they

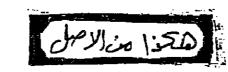
getting a gap I hit an 8-iron a little heavy. It just about made the green, although the best thing was to be putting Woosnam left himself a second putt of six feet and as the ball disappeared into the the hole he went down on his right knee and fisted the air.

"When you look back on
the first five years of my
career, then you have to be

surprised by what I've done," he said. "But I suppose it wasn't such a surprise to win the Masters because of what I have managed in the last ten "It is nice to go around the world being called the Master

golfer. It would be nicer to be called a double Masters champion by Sunday week."

New Orleans report, page 35





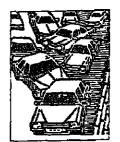
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FRIDAY APRIL 3 1992

### **Political** mischief maker

Sir Robin Day, the hectoring television interviewer and Ouestion Time host, is

back, enjoying life among the elder statesmen. He talks to Valerie Grove

eriatric ward," wheezes the voice on the doorphone. Sir Robin Day is just back from another edition of The Elder Statesmen, "the only election coverage worth watching", in the view of Craig

Every other day, at 8.35am, Sir Robin has a ten-minute banter with Lord Jenkins, Denis Healey and Norman Tebbit on BBC 1's Breakfast Time. It routs even the most terminal case of election fatigue to hear the impromptu bickerings and bon mots of these demobhappy old warriors, variously re-ferred to as the Old Devils or the Old Contemptibles.

"On this programme we can say anything we like," beams Lord Jenkins, launching into "all the cockups" of this government.

At first, they seemed full of bonhomie, mocking the hurlyburly around them. Then things got a bit vicious. Did someone mention "till the pips squeak"? "I didn't say anything of the sort," Mr Healey snorted: he would gladly pay £10 to anyone who could show where he said pips would squeak. (What he said was: "We shall increase income tax on the better off. I warn you, there will be howls of anguish from the rich."

As days progressed, Mr Tebbit's rulpine smile has become wan. Meanwhile Mr Healey, the scent of victory in his nostrils, is ever more cavalier: "So you dragged Mrs Thatcher out of the Sunset Home to which you had ditched her. morning, when Healey chuck led, Tebbit snapped: "It's no good doing your silly giggle. Denis, will you just shut up?" Meanwhile Lord Jenkins's smile dimples on. Chris Patten, he said, was like a teetotaller who had suddenly taken to drink and it had gone to his head, while Norman was a man who had grown up with drink, so to speak, so a cheerfully malevolent kick in

the groin comes naturally to him."

The charm of their overview is not just their well-phrased reminiscences as former cabinet ministers (as parti pris as ever, though removed from the fray) but their ability to mock anyone riding too high a moral horse. Much honest sense is spoken. Sir Robin slings brisk questions. Would Mr Healey accept a seat in a Labour cabinet? " know my answer but I'm damned if I'll tell you." Why are women tempted to vote for Paddy Ashdown? Jenkins: "Because women are essentially wational." (Healey adds: "It's because he looks like Steve McQueen.") "Norman, who will lead the party if there is a defeat on April 9?" "I have no idea. We will look at that when we see the election." Healey: "How interesting to hear Norman suggest that the leadership question will arise the moment the Tories lose."

You get the picture. It is ten minutes of pure mischief. Everybody tells Sir Robin they think it is all too short, and the BBC has suggested it might carry on after the election ... This is cheering because many

still miss Sir Robin on Question Time, and he dearly regrets leaving il. "Yes. One makes mistakes in life and that was one of mine. But I was tired, and felt stale. I'd become a bit of a cliché. All I was saying was the attractive lady in the nice blouse' when I meant 'the hideous lady in the horrible blouse. And I was writing my book and thought it would inhibit me in what I could say about the BBC, but that was

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"And I genuinely did not realise how much the public liked it. That is not false modesty. I did not realise, and nor I think did the public, until it became something different It's rather embarrassing, but I've never had so much praise heaped upon me as when I'd stopped working. People began to view my appearances through rose-

tinted spectacles, retrospectively." Sir Robin practically invented the television interview. Where there had been deference and forelock-rugging he brought bite and a hint of danger. Today's political interviewers are largely his legatees: and both interviewers and their subjects have got better and better at the game. He says he squirms when certain interviewers challenge their victims to "come off it come clean" as if they were criminals; the Dimblebys, he has said, are "harmless and bland" but

this was meant genially: "They are professional and efficient. Whether they have 'danger' or 'thunder' is according to people's taste. But they are both young men of promise."
Young Jonathan, he added, is doing Election Call (his old slot) disappointingly well.

Coming after the much-parodied Brian Walden interviews, with their terrifying 193-word challenges which turn the sessions into debates, Sir Robin's confrontations with each party leader for Thames TV's This Week have been models

To Mr Major: "What kind of Tory are you — Thatcherite fish or Heseltine fowl?" "Is it good enough to put ideas across in a nice, quiet, mild, reasonably spoken way?"
"Why does the Conservative party deserve what the British people have never given any party in modern times, a fourth consecutive

term of office?"
"Will that answer cut much ice with the unemployed, the bankrupt businessman who feels betrayed by the policies of this government?"
"Why should people trust your economic judgement when they remember the colossal fiasco of the poll tax?" "They might say, any fool can get inflation under control as long as they're prepared to lay the economy on its back."

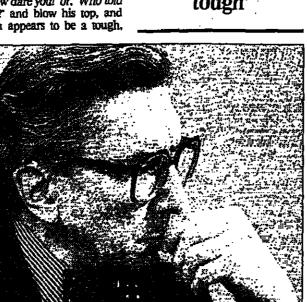
"Isn't it only fair for the other team to have an innings, in a healthy democracy? (Major: "It isn't a game of tag.") "Wouldn't it be a good idea, now that things are getting rough, to reconsider your Mr Kinnock?" Last night it was Neil Kinnock's turn (while Mr Major was back on his soapbox, as Sir Robin had suggested).

t all began when Robin Day answered an inspired advert in 1955: "Independent Television News Ltd invites applications for the post of 'newscaster'. The work might appeal to a barrister who is thinking of giving

up the profession." What luck: Sir Robin had given up the law because he was broke and didn't think he'd get to the top. They had tried dozens of iournal ists, broadcasters and actors: 'newscaster' was a new breed, they were not sure what they wanted. Then someone said what about the Bar? They're chaps who have to speak on their feet." What ITN lit upon was the need for cross-examining skills, not often given to the common

journalist Yet it was not until the 1964 election that party leaders appeared on television answering questions read out from postcards sent in by the public. "But now the incisive vigorous interview has become commonplace. Thirty years ago it was a novelty. Harold Macmillan was my first [in 1959], and it was so revolutionary it made banner headlines across the Daily Express. Now the prime minister is interviewed every other day, even in the street. So I may seem less fierce, less

"I don't ask impossible or difficult questions. A very tough ques-tion is not what people think. It is the answer that makes the question seem tough. I may think up a very difficult question, to which some one replies, 'Ah, Robin, I hoped you'd ask that', and people think the question was soft. Or I can say simply. 'Are you going to stand against so and so?' and the chap says, 'How dare you!' or, 'Who told you that? and blow his top, and that then appears to be a tough.





National treasure: Sir Robin is much the same off air as on - bow tie, cruel glasses, relishing every detail of political life, savouring political terminology

Sir Robin is always himself: much the same off air as on: bow tie, "cruel glasses" (Frankie Howerd's description), relishing every detail of political life, savouring political terminology. "I've been trying to say pluwalistic democwacy in Roy's voice."

He was born in Hampstead Garden Suburb, the rather spoilt youngest child of middle-aged parents. He was caned on his tenth birthday for being noisy and disorderly in morning assembly, and his parents sent him to boarding school when he became too ob-

He is compulsively argumenta-tive when questioned. "Your book of memoirs is rather impersonal."
"Why is it impersonal?" "You don't dwell on personal matters. It's unemotional, then." "No, it is full of deep and passionate emotion." The fact remains that he is perfunctory about his marriage and di-

'I don't ask difficult questions. A tough question is not what people think. It is the answer that makes the question seem tough'

vorce: six lines. He waves at a pile of political biographies on his table -None of them say more than when they met their wives ... What do you expect me to write? An appendix about all the ladies I'd known

before my marriage?"

The pain of being divorced is undisguised. He speaks enviously of all his married friends, whom he supposes are happy. His wife (Katherine Ainsley) was a law tutor. clever and beautiful. They separated in 1983, the year of Sir Robin's pinnacle of involvement in the election: he did 22 hours of live television, including Panorama interviews with the three leaders. There had been years of anxiety after their elder son Alexander (born in February 1974 while Mr Day was was on the air on it's Your Line) fractured his skull in a fall at London Zoo at the age of four. He is now at sixth form college, and recently stayed with his father "so I've been cooking for him and washing his smalls and making sure he gets up in the morning". The younger son is at boarding school. He dedicates his book to the two boys: "The world continues to offer glittering prizes to those who have stout hearts and sharp

His wardrobe contains thin suits and fat suits as his weight fluctuates according to his many diets ("better than being dead") after his heart bypass and, having once been 17 stone, he keeps a weight-loss chart on his bathroom wall. What he calls his "attic in a backstreet in Victoria" is a comfortable bachelor flat in the division bell territory of Westminster, with walls of books and caricatures of himself and a gas log fire and Dixieland on the turntable. The tinkling piano in the next apartment is being played by Lady Carr, wife of Lord (Robert) Carr: on quiet evenings, chamber and orchestral concerts waft across from St John's, Smith Square.

His self-mocking glumness pre-vails, about being "in the departure lounge of life". But to the world he presents a sociable figure, lunching here, dining there, jocularly warning off gossip diarists who love to write stories about his companions: he says it's all nonsense, he could show me a sheaf of apologies from newspapers, but "if you are a seacaptain, the sea is where you live". "But you are attractive to women. Sir Robin." That may be so. But 1 am also 68 years old. The same age as Earl Spencer!" (whose funeral was held that day)

He claims to have another regret: not having got into Parliament when he stood for the Liberals in 1959. Would he really have coveted that life? "Oh yes. Only I chose the wrong party . . . " But what about all

those tiresome constituents, who, as Matthew Parris says, occupy politi-cians' time and ought to be painted green? "If you're an MP, it's your job to help them.

"I would have liked to sit on those en benches, having as Robert Rhodes James said a ringside seat at history, enjoying the great mo-ments of theatre." The June Mendoza portrait of the House of Commons (a print is on his wall includes a distant Sir Robin, a lone bespectacled figure at the back of the gallery.

It puzzles me that someone who has been in a position to ask the most pertinent questions of famous men — "Do you regret dropping the atom bomb, Mr Truman?"; Lord Lambion, why should a man of your social position and charm and personality have to go to whores for sex?" - has any such

Being in Parliament wouldn't have stopped me doing television. Look at Brian Walden, a brilliant member of parliament who be came a brilliant TV interviewer. I thought that was a step down for him, but chacun à son gout."

ome talk of women who burst into tears at his rudeness, but I cannot understand it. He merely asks bluff questions. Prince Philip style. Ludovic Kennedy reports that he may ask dinner companions whether they prefer intercourse at night or in the morning, but anyone who takes fright at such questions should not go to grownup dinners. My 15-year-old daugh ter met him recently at a party and. having no idea who the great inquisitor was, found him sweet and avuncular, he talked of his

He has now been on screen for 37 years, yet when he first began. they thought he was "belligerent, harsh, unsympathetic, hectoring" and wanted to get rid of him. It was Aidan Crawley who insisted Day must stay or he would resign. Sir Robin still cannot decide whether this was out of faith in him, or testing out his own authority.

He says he is proudest of his campaign for televising Parliament, which began in 1963. At the same time he suggested a national lottery. And he is the unacknowledged inventor of the Today programme: in 1955 he suggested an early morning programme of news background stories. But they told him it could never happen: "Too much work," they said, "and all that early rising ..."

Sir Robin will spend election night — his ninth as a broadcaster - in the ITN studio, furrowing his brow, enjoying every moment. He says he wishes he were like Osborne or Pinter, and could earn money (perhaps from writing a political thriller) without working any more, but it's not his style. His achievements are suited to him, and nobody has ever accused him of modesty. Which is as it should be. He is a national treasure, with a new lease on our affections.

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### KYRENIA ND BEYONI

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### THE SOVEREIGN EXHIBITION — A CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS. The V&A's exhibition is the focal point of VAM a service on is the rocal point of the forseth anniversary of the Quieen's accession. The Royal College of Art has designed and constructed the show which opens today. A dazzling array of decorations and uniforms is promised, are sections offening an insight into the Queen's relationship with the Commonwealth and the media, the running of the Royal Family firm, and the Queen's changing fastyons. Victoria and Albert Museum. Fromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8500) Mon-Sat, 10am-sorn, Sun, 2:30-6pm, Unbl September 13.

PYGMALION: Alan Howard directs a new production of George Bernard Shaw's play, the bass of the musical My Fair Lady. Alan Howard makes his debut with the company in the "Ner Harrison" role of Professor Higgins and Frances Barber is Elea Doolfittle remeas surport is seen uportize Supporting cast includes Robin Bailey, Michael Bryant and Judith Coke. To coincide with the opening of the play, the National Portrait Gallery presents a biographical exhibition divionicing the life of 6 Pair. National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), previews

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BRANCHES OF THE TREE: Four generations of middle-class Bengalis come under Saryajit Ray's microscope Talky but mellow disquistion on life's vicesitudes. National Film Theatre (071-928) 3232).

DECEIVED (15). Goldie Hawn as the write who doubts her husband's dentit Psychological rhriller, weak on story, but strong on atmosphere Stars John Heard, director, Damien Harris Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574)

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### WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

Richard Maliby Ir. and is presented by Manchester Library Theatre Company and Boston Opera House, Bunton Opera House, Water Street, Buston Derbyshire (0298 72190), tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

RSC STRATFORD: The season open with Amanda Hams and Anton Lesser in The Taming of the Shrew, heading a new cast in Bill Alexander's production isee review, right), and in the Swan. The Beggar's Opera directed by John

Royal Shakespeare Theatre (both theatres: 0789 295623), both plays: tonight, 7,30pm, tomorrow, 1,30pm and 7,30pm

WHITE OAK DANCE PROJECT: The great Russian classical dancer Mili hail Baryshnikov has traded in his white tights in lawour of bare feet in his new guise as modern dancer. This Sadler's guse as modern dancer. This Sadler's Wells season introduces to Britain the troupe he formed two years ago to showcase contemporary American choreography. Among the dancernakers on offer are Martha Clarke, David Gordon, Lar Lubovitch. Meredith Monk, Paul Taylor and Mark Morris. Baryshnikov harnsell is expected to dance in every programme Sadler's Wells Theatter, Rosebery Avenue, London EC 1 (071-278 8916), tonighi, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ALISON MOYET: Followen her sell-out. ALISON MOYET: Following her self-out tour of the United States, the montyTHE GIANTS OF MOTOWNE A nostalgic extravaganza featuring The Temptabors and The Four Tops (playing together in Europe for the first time) plus. The Supreme, Martha Reeves and The Manvelettes, Dates at the NEC, Birmingham next week. Wiembley Arena, Wernbiey, Middlesea (081-900 1234), tomorrow, 6pm.

THE GIANTS OF MOTOWNE A

IAZZ EXPLOSION '92- It is seven years since the last lazz Explosion but this all-star least makes up for the delay with an impressive line-up including club favounte, the soul singer Tararny Wayne, funk artist Betty Wright, versatile terror savophonist Ronnie Laws, nist Paulinho Da Costa and bass

pertusions in manning player Keni Burke.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen
Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748
4081), Sun, 5,30pm and 8,30pm. ENDELLION STRING QUARTET:

WREN ORCHESTRA OF LONDON: An all-Brazilian concert paying tribute to composer and quitarist Laurindo

WALLACE COURT TOWN Was de leads the group in a programme of substantial preces by Ellott Carter (Brass Quartet), Sir Michael Tippert (Sonata for four horns), Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (Brass Quartet) and Witold Lutoslawski (Mim Overture). Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 8pm.

### THEATRE GUIDE

ALISON MOTE! Following the Servoir tour of the United States, the mighty-voiced singer performs jazz and blues in an intimate, one-off, acoustic show. Mean Faddler, High Street, London NW10 (081-961 5490), tonight, 8pm.

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre showing in London

House full, returns only
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Seats at all prices

(071-839 4401) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Frl, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 135mms. HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's briefess, state-of-England drama Theatre Royal, Haymarket, 5W1 (0): 930 8800) Mon-Sar, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 225mms III THE MADNESS OF GEORGE IL: ## THE MADNESS OF GEORGE IN: Nigel Hawfrome is very fine as a stricken lung, but as a whole, Alan Bennett's play does not quite work. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 7,30pm, mai tomorrow, 2,15pm, 170mms

☐ MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Trevor Numr's engrossing production: David Haig fatally tempted by Claire Skinner m Freud's Vierma. Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-620 0411/928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7 15pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm, 210mins. MOBY DICK: A girls' school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmentess playing Capitan Ahab Beached musical. Piccadilly, Derman Street, W1 (071-867 1118), Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Tues, Sat, 4pm 135 mus.

☐ THE POCKET DREAM: Foolish Dream, with Mire McShane and Sandi Toksing Deducated lars only. Albery, St Martins Lane, WC2 0071-867 11151. Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mms. SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lut ewarm. Tommy Steele in poor

Panist Imagen Cooper joins the fine players of the Endelfion in a programme comprising Beethoven's Quinter in F, Op 59 "Rasumovsky" and Brahme's Plano Concerto in F minor, Op 34. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 2.45cm; Young, and other double-barrelled

Almeida, performed by the orchestra under Marryn Brabbins, and with quitarist Carlos Barbosa-Lima as soloist. All the works receive their European premieres. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), tonight, 7.30pm WALLACE COLLECTION: John Wallace

### musical version of the film Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, w1 (071-734 B951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm 165mms.

☐ STRAIGHT AND NARROW:
Micholas Lyndhurst, Net Daglish and
Carmel McSharry in likeable cornedy
about a drating mother's worries, notably

ner gay son. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (171-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm mals Wed. 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mms ☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8,15pm, Fn, Sat, 6,15pm and 9pm, 120mms. bet 5W1 (D71-UNCLE VANYA: Ian McKellen and

Antony Sher outstanding in a Sean Mathias production that is subtle, balanced and terse with grief. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm LONG RUNNERS: M Aspects of Love:

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5972) Di Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044)... Di Buddy: Victora Palace (071-834 1317)... Di Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-923 7616)
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### CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where Indicated with the symbol  $\Phi$ ) on release across the country

◆ CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Nor terrorises Not Note and family Martin Scorses's Jerocous remaie of a classificerency thriller. With Jessica Lange, Judette Lews. Camden Parkway (071-267-7034) Empire (071-497-9999) MGM Baker Street (071-497-9922) MGM Trocadero (071-434-0031) Whiteleys (071-792-3332)

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VEROANQUE (15). Lrzysztof Kieslowska's brilliantly famed conundrum about two girts from Polish, one Frenchi who seem to share a lie With Irene Jacob, Philippe Volter. Curzon Mayfalr (071-465 8865) FREEJACK (15) Emilio Estevez is adnapped into the luture for a mind transplant. Depressing high-tech adventure, with Mick Jagger, Anthony Hopkins Director, Geoff Murphy. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

Whiteleys (071-792 3332) FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE (12): Heartwarming ines of featy folks down South Shallow, but ingratiating With Nathy Bares, Jessea Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson, director, Lon Awner Barbican (071-638 8891) Notting Hill Coronet (071-737 6705) Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) leys (071-792 3332)

HIGH HEELS (18) Lukewarm, talkative

Spain's master of camp, Pedro Almodovar, With Victoria Abril, Mansa raicus MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435

 JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drama about the Fennedy assassination. Kevin Costner as crusading D.A. Jim Garrison; a MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzarine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999).

LIGHT SLEEPER (15) Lugubrious elegy to the Eighties drug scene from Paul Schrader, partly saved by Willem Dafoe as a loner stumbling lowards redemption With Sucan Sarandon. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) ◆ MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO (18) Gus Van Sant's quirty portrail of two drifters searching for a home striking and aggreating by turns. With River Phoenia, Keanu Reeves. Guiden Plaza (071–185 2443) MGM Futham Road (071–370 2636) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-

NECESSARY ROUGHNESS (12)\* American college football team makes good Crushingly dull, with cliches galore, Director, Stan Dragoti. galore. Director, Stan Dr Plaza (071-497 9999).

434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-

• THE PRINCE OF TWOES (15). New rork psychiatrist helps lootball coach face lamily secrets. Romantic charma with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Notice. Barbar Stressind delects and co-stars, but falls to sing MGM Balker Street (071-935 9772). MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM. Trocadero (071-354 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666). Mezzantine (0426 915683) Whitbeleys (071-792 3332).

### Almost sunk by a subplot

A DRAMATIST who could call one of his heroines Hero and other characters Bottom, Elbow and Dull needed no mition in the use of odd names; but even he would have been surprised by Bill Alexander's Royal Shakespeare Company revival of The Shrew. Who are the hearties and Sloanes who rampage about baying and hooting, as if in search of a hunt-saboteur to debag? The programme identifies them as Lord Simon Llewellyn, Lady Sarah Ormsby, the Hon Hugo Daley-

habitués of the gossip columns. They turn out to be the characters Shakespeare called "a Lord and his train", onstage to bring fresh life to what is known as the Christopher Sly Induction. Some directors simply cut this prologue, in which a drunk tinker is brainwashed into thinking himself a great man and made to watch a command performance of The Shrew. Alexander modernises and expands it, claiming to be following an anonymous play called The Taming of a (not the) Shrew, which most scholars regard as a corrupt version of Shakespeare's

original. Anyway, the swells gleefully crow ("he's disgusting", "he's probably working-class") over the wretched Sly, who has been thrown out of his local. And not only does the arrogant Simon take this toper to his oak-panelled hall, flatter him, and force his younger brother Rupert to dress up as his wife, he and his chums sit ostentatiously at the back of the stage watching the RSC company they have hired for the night. Indeed, they take part in the performance, playing Petruchio's cowed servants in a suitably amateurish way.

The Shrew itself remains intact. In fact, it is rather well acted in what I The Taming of the Shrew R.S.T, Stratford

would call Elizabethan dress, did not the costumes go a bit over the top, giving one or two characters the look of Eastern potentates with a joint fondness for piracy and bull-fighting. Anton Lesser is a peppy Petruchio, more formidable than his slight build would suggest. But then he needs to be, for Amanda Harris's Kate is as splendidly baleful a shrew as 1 can recall

There is a character in an Isaac Bashevis Singer story so angry she has only to look at something for it to ignite. Harris's glaring, snarling, stomping Kate could compete with her as an arsonist. She bites her fingers in frustration, sends grown men reeling in terror, and looks almost psychotic as she circles her sister. Bianca, with a vast pair of scissors. Her lips twist and widen, showing her bared teeth: Steven Spielberg's Jaws resurgent, surely untameable except by a film-star with a

But the feeling grows that we are being prepared for a cynical feminist reading. Will this be a strong Kate destroyed by starvation, sleep deprivation and other techniques from the male torture-chamber? Not at all. The production manages to be more Shakespearian than that, if not, alas, more plausible. Early on, Harris suggests a grudging admiration for Petruchio; but she still changes far too abruptly from a mulish monster into the loving wife who blithely reproves her less docile sisters. So great a transition needs more guile.

Rebecca Saire effectively follows modern fashion, offering a bitchy,



Matched: Katherine (Amanda Harris) and Petruchio (Anton Lessert

manipulative Bianca; Geoffrey Freshwater is refreshingly ferocious as Petruchio's sidekick. Grumio: and the other supporting performances are good. But questions remain. Why is the Sly subplot given such emphasis that it almost upstages the play itself? Is the RSC surreptitiously demanding more subsidy by showing itself lent out to county dimwits? Or is it suggesting that The Shrew is a sexist entertainment for drunks and upper-crust louts?

Neither, I think. At the end Kate is reconciled with Petruchio Simon with the critical Sarah and almost every ne else with everyone else.

Only Sly is rejected, a son dumbed by nobs. The effect is to be lined the play to yet another viry comment on the class system. And that Shakespeare would have thought vent odd indeed.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD CODRER

### **Travesty** of justice

Justified Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

THIS turgid examination by Albert Camus of whether or not a group of anarchists acted well in assassinating the Grand Duke Sergei in 1905 is billed as the play's London premiere. It is not. Under the title The Price of Justice it was performed at the Mermaid in 1972 and was liked no better then than this production by Entourage will be now. The protracted talk on the legitimacy of killing for a cause must have been difficult to take in a naturalistic setting, but is unendurable when lugubriously uttered in a barren landscape of three grey rocks set in

Carnus's political stance had matured from pro- to anti-communism when he wrote Les Justes in 1949, but his tamed commitment to justice and liberty had not shifted his conviction that Algeria should stay French. Perhaps this was what led him to couch the argument of his play in a style so flatulent with abstraction. Elevation of tone is all very well, but these characters never set foot on the ground.

EVEN as a Likely Lad, James Bolam

possessed a subtle attractiveness that

went well beyond laddishness: there

were hints of both sensitivity and

malice, suggestions that the sharp

tongue might be a defence as well as ar

attacking weapon. Now he has found a

stage role which suits a middle age

from which all traces of cockiness, but

not acerbity, have been expunged.

James Gillray is remembered as one of

the great political caricaturists of the

late 18th and early 19th centuries,

perhaps, as David Low thought, the

founding father of modern political

caricature. Guy Jenkin's absorbing new play, which is beautifully staged

on Michael Taylor's stained wood set

dovetailed into the raftered angles of

the Warehouse, shows that he was both

Certainly Gillray excoriated politi-

Yanek is ordered to throw the bomb but cannot do so when he sees that the Grand Duke's niece and nephew are travelling in the same carriage. His fellow-conspirator Stepam is contemptuous but Alexi understands. Dora comforts him. Boris agrees that destruction must have its limits. All this potentially absorbing stuff is wrecked by the sententious language and emotional posturing. A critic disposed to be charitable might praise Jerome Meadows for facing up to the aridity as if it were solid geometry. Characters stand at the points of a square staring inward, move like automata, hold arms stiffly to their sides, keep their voices low. The Yanek of Jonathan Butterell is frequently inaudible, an astonishing feat in a studio theatre. Gary Brookfield's Stepam is the only performer to carry some conviction.

In the second act Butterell no longer looks like Charles I dressed as a Roundhead and instead becomes John the Baptist writhing picturesquely on his prison straw. After his execution he rises from his tomb, incense fills the air and two boxer dogs trot onto the stage sniffing the ground. Perhaps they are the hounds of heaven. I neither know nor care. While Camus may appear to argue that executing rebels will only encourage others, he certainly stops short of hailing revolutionaries as latter day Christian saints. Meadows's notion of the play is grotesque.

### Rumbling menace

I Stand Before You Naked Offstage Downstairs

THE Northern Line is close to the surface as it approaches Chalk Farm, and in this basement theatre a rumble can be heard as the trains come up from Camden Town. I like this. The sound may sometimes disturb the mood of a love-scene, but more often it draws attention to sub-textual menace. It does this during these ten playlets, all but the last in the form of monologues. by the American novelist, Joyce Carol Oates. All are spoken by women, except for the second voice in the last "Pregnant", where the other speaker is the woman's unborn baby. and even here its tart criticism really voices her own uncertainty and fear.

"Nuclear Holocaust" I did not understand, but the others focus upon a critical or more often calamitous encounter with a man, and the mood ranges between light comedy and horrible violence. In "Wealthy Lady", Frances Cuka funds every kind of charity, and from her tone of voice regards "inner city children" as more exotic than the endangered yak. "Darling, I'm telling you", is the recollection JEREMY KINGSTON | from beyond the grave of a go-go

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At their best, psychological acuity is packed into a single action, a single image. The treasured fruit in 'The Orange", gazed upon by an anorevic schoolgirl, is life, it is sex. Harmer Whithread, wide-eyed and presionate. fears it, desires it, loses it. In "Wife of ". Susan Cygan gives a marvellous performance as the lumbling, shortsighted, blissfully happy creature who has just married a jail of serial killer sentenced to 380 years - "but it's not as hopeless as it sounds". Divinely good-natured, she sees his past conduct

as muzzily as her own reflection. God plays an important role in some of these women's poor grasp of reality. He is considered to be a comfort by the receptionist in "Good morning, good afternoon", played by Diana Brooks with an unnervingly huge some which is exposed as take when she tells of her nightmans.

Expertly paced in Splinger Blake's direction for Cakes and Ale Theatre. the playlets are staged on a yet by Gaia Shaw containing a few domestic items. the carcass of an open car, and a white plaster bust of a man repositioned between scenes. The Underground adds its ground bass of doom to the sense of loss, anxiety, and the question asked by Suzanne Sinclair's anguished dancer. "Why should love-making make a man want to fall?"

JEREMY KINGSTON

### **Monstrous caricatures**

Fighting for the Dunghill

Warehouse, Croydon cians of both parties and just as notably the Royal Family with a savagery which recalls Shelley's sonnet written four years after Gillray's suicide in 1815, "An old, mad, blind, despised and dying king". But Gillray excoriated everybody, including himself. Jenkin lays some of the blame for the caricaturist's refusal to see anything positive this side of the grave on the strict Moravian clergymen who educated him.

Flashbacks from the garret where the deranged Gillray ended his days to scenes of childhood, with a one-armed,

war-brutalised father and a pastorteacher who urges the shortest possible delay on earth before signing up for the heavenly choir, make the point economically and convincingly. And when James encourages his sick brother to follow the pastor's advice, we catch a glimpse of the old (young) James Bolam, more malicious than pious. There is something of Goya in this figure too, the artist in the age of reason horrified by the monsters reason's sleep produces, and the monsters in his own mind.

The core of the play shows Gillray resisting the political monsters who tried to buy and eventually scare him off. Here Michael Fenton Stevens's smooth, dagger-smiling Canning

makes a more memorable impression than Geoffrey McGivern's bluff Fox. Gillray's response was to work for both and lambast them equally. Fine stance for a caricaturist, but Gillray seems to have meted out the same flaying

honesty to whoever crossed his path. One woman, his publisher and companion Hannah Humphrey. stood by him loyally. Unfortunately Jenkin, who sometimes seems too keen to give us information rather than dramatic images, does not allow Di Langford, in an underwritten part, to show us why. But Bolam, as he switches without warning from butterwouldn't-melt-in-the-mouth meekness to pure sulphuric acid, is splendidly watchable; he is solidly supported, and ably directed by Richard Osborne.

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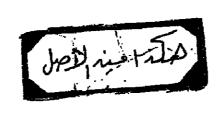
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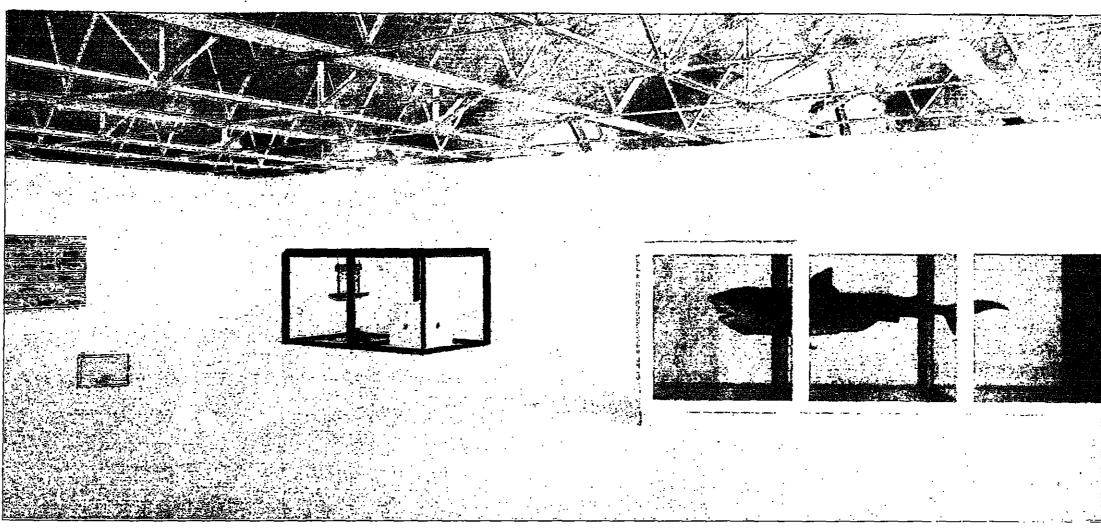
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London Galleries: Young British Artists at the Saatchi Collection, reviewed by Richard Cork

### Tanks for the memories



Immaculate order and clinical clarity: a view of the Saatchi Collection gallery, showing works by Damien Hirst, including (right) The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living

iewed from the entrance of the Saatchi Collection's spartan gallery, Damien Hirst's large steel sculpture looks like a classic minimalist statement. But as you approach this stripped exercise in geometrical purity, the structure's apparent abstraction gives way to a disturbing alternative. For a black swivel chair sits next to a stark office table inside the box. And the only objects on the table's white top are an open packet of Silk Cut, a lighter, a cigarette and an ashtray plentifully supplied with

Coolness and austerity are countered, quite unexpectedly, by psychodrama. Nothing distracts attention from the remorseless emphasis on smoking, and Hirst ensures that the container offers no hint of an exit. Within the box, a glass sheet separates the main area from a

narrow space beyond. The division. however, only accentuates the prison-like mood. The occupant of this see-through cell is condemned to a life-threatening addiction, and Hirst implies that the habit is irresistibly attractive by entitling his work The Acquired Inability to

The fascination of this promising young artist's work lies in his

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readiness to organise Kalkaesme nightmares with such clinical clarity. Although the glass structure finally comes to resemble a chamber of extinction, the immaculate order of the work prevents any Expressionist paranoia from breaking out. Everything is conveyed in a deadpan manner, allowing room for gallows humour alongside the intimations of mortality.

death, Hirst remains as disciplined as before. Towards the middle of the largest Saatchi room, a tripartite tank rests on the floor. This time, the entire space is filled with green formaldehyde to preserve the 14foot tiger shark suspended within the liquid. Although quite motionless, and therefore clearly dead, the creature retains an uncanny ability to disconcert.

Even when he deals directly with

Seen from the side, the shark's head appears to hover close to the glass. But when we move round to the front, it suddenly jumps towards the centre of the tank. The illusion of movement continues as we traverse the length of the shark, noticing abrupt shifts in position with each successive sheet of glass. And once the end is reached, the creatures' body reduces into a green mist beyond the sharply focused tail.

Through the blurring action of the formaldehyde, motion is conjured again. It prevents us from acknowledging the full reality of the shark's lifeless state, and Hirst's typically intriguing title suggests that we are unable to do so anyway: The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living.

But that does not prevent him from trying to shock the viewer into confronting the unacceptable brevity of existence. Near the shark tank, a double glass cube contains the most disturbing of his exhibits. In one half, a neat white box provides a hatching-ground for thousands of maggots. When the bluebottles fly out, though, they remain confined by the setting.

All they can do is settle on a repellent cow's head, lying in the other half of the container. Above this rotting memento mori hang the thin tubes of an insectorcutor, attached to a tray littered with dead flies. More have expired on the floor below, turning the scu charnel house.

Mesmerised and nauseated in equal measure, we are forced to ask ourselves why the spectacle is so gruesome. After all, the death of a fly does not normally provoke sympa-thy in humans. Its life-span is brief,

and Hirst draws attention to that fact as arrestingly as he can. If we find his work cruel, should efforts be made to ban insectorcutors from places where they safeguard our

irst is the most uncomfortable of artists, and the fact that he presents his murky findings with calm, surgical exactitude only adds to the disquiet. Look at the pseudoscientific precision with which he marshals 38 species of dour-looking fish in a work called Isolated Elements Swimming in the Same Direction For the Purpose of Understanding. Arranged in transparent plastic cases on shelves, they look like laboratory specimens intended to prove some researcher's theory. But their purpose is to emphasise the unfathomable strangeness of life-in-death, as well as subverting the whole notion of finding solace in a bowl-full of goldfish.

Hirst is one of five "Young British Artists" sharing the Saatchi show. But most of his fellow-exhibitors fail to generate the amount of interest he sustains: Alex Landrum displays minimal paintings in pairs of contrasted eggshell colours. They seem abstract, but discreetly embedded in

each canvas is the name chosen by Dulux to promote this particular hue. Sometimes they are terse: one brilliant blue picture is called Yacht. while its rich yellow neighbour carries the title Goldcoast. But the sales-pitch soon goes into poetic overdrive, saddling a sickly orange canvas with the name Exquisite and

dubbing its partner Extravagance. After a while, though, monotony sets in. A similar problem afflicts the paintings by John Greenwood. An ebullient latter-day Surrealist, he makes no attempt to hide his debts to Duchamp, Tanguy and Dali.

Writhing forms, invariably bulbous and sometimes suggestive of ectoplasms, fill the large, meticulously defined images with frenzied movement. Sperms and eggs often appear to play their part in these excitable tableaux, alive with burgeoning incidents which also rely on cartoon sources. The performance is always polished, but the frantic activity and complication soon palls.

I turned with relief to the cooler. more analytical offerings by Langlands & Bell. Obsessed by buildings, they concentrate on the plan of a chosen edifice rather than its frontage. Architecture as power-structure is their theme, pursued in careful, hucid models called from various

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JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

### Yes to an arts minister, but no to a paymaster

What are the imminent election's implications for the arts in

Britain? Peter Jonas, general director of English National

Opera, scans the major parties' pledges and manifestos

election issue but the election has become an issue for the arts. The Conservative manifesto promising a new arts ministry headed by a Cabinet minister was a surprise. Having stolen Labour's clothes, John Major has added costume jewellery. The shadow arts minister, Mark Fisher, defends the fact that his own post is not deemed worthy of Cabinet rank by advocating quality of policy rather than seniority of position.

The Tories also promise a

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tions of the Arts Council, while Labour promises to enforce statutory arts responsibilities on local authorities, but to leave the Arts Council alone. With the Liberals also promising an arts ministry, one thing is certain: the arts in Britain are due for the biggest shake-

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political party can now ignore the arts. The Maastricht treaty requires the European Commission to take account of the cultural dimension in all its decisions. If Britain does not have a serious arts ministry it will not be taken seriously in Europe. The present Office of up since the Sixties. Arts and Libraries is the Why have the major politequivalent, for civil servants, of the Chiltern Hundreds: not

> high-fliers. There is, also, a convenient domestic reason for the change: perhaps the most crucial cultural event of the mid-Nineties will be the review of the BBC's charter. If the Conservatives win we can expect reams of discussion papers on the future of the BBC and the Arts Council.

the natural career ambition for

The linkage is not fortuitous. The Government will be aware of the Peacock Committee's proposals in its report on the future of the BBC for an "Arts Council of the air": which will re-surface if these two organisations are put simultaneously on the political agenda.

A new arts ministry is likely to be welcomed by both the BBC and the Arts Council. provided that the independence of the arts can be preserved. And here's the rub: any new arts minister is likely to want important things to do. Unfortunately, all the



Peter Jonas: "arm's-length" funding should stay

glamorous parts of the arts lie with Lord Palumbo, the glamorous chairman of the Arts Council. If a new arts minister were to reduce the council's responsibilities and fund the national companies himself, the result would be uproar.

t cannot be in the longterm interests of companies such as the Royal National Theatre to be funded directly by the arts minister. He and his servants would be involved in discussions of the minutiae of artistic judgements and their financial consequences. Worse, the minister would be open to questions about decisions from MPs. "Arm's-length" funding, cher-

ished principle of British arts support, would vanish. with its job.

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This misguided notion seems to be the present Government's intention. But it is unlikely that John Major has vet woken up to the unwelcome political consequences. On this front Labour has been much shrewder; its new ministry would not interfere with the council's responsibilities for the national companies, although it would insist on a greater delegation of arts organisations to the regions.

There is an economic case for a new ministry: the arts contributed £6 billion to the British balance of payments in 1990, £2 billion more than the motor industry. Britain's "arts industries" employ 670,000 people: 2.8 per cent of the employed population.

There is much a new ans minister must do to argue for increased investment in the arts. But the minister should leave the Arts Council to get on

Let the council continue to play its critical role in formulating a national strategy for the arts, in supporting innovation and, above all, in being an effective advocate for the arts. The challenge for the new arts minister, whoever he or she may be, is to take on the arts, not take them over.

### **TELEVISION REVIEW**

countries and historical periods.

rity, these exacting reliefs are sinis-

ter, even chilling. Social engineer-

ing is the theme, openly expressed in

where seven chairs with models

installed in their seats are fined up

as if waiting to be occupied by a

But the most powerful of the four

artists showing alongside Hirst is

Rachel Whiteread. Although her

work became widely familiar in the

Turner Prize short-list last year, her

grandest sculpture made no appear-

ance at the Tate. Ghost, a colossal

apparition in white plaster, is the

masterpiece of the exhibition. Cast

in sections from the interior space of

a cramped north London living-

The imprints of a window, pan-

elled door and fireplace complete

successive sides of this glacial block.

Thin gaps between the sections

disclose the emptiness within, but

tressed by a steel frame. Bleached,

• Young British Artists continues at the Sautchi Collection (071-624 8299), 98a

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ly becomes as elusive as a dream.

silent and uninhabited, Ghost final-

room, it has a melancholy air.

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vindictive jury.

work called Maisons de Force,

Despite their white-lacquered pu-

### **Screening out injustice?**

Lawyers might accuse tele-vision of abandoning the com-

plexities of a case for dangerous simplicity. Never-

theless, television has helped

the successful appeals of the

Birmingham Six, the Guild-

for the murder of a policeman

ford Four, the trio convicted

at Broadwater Farm, and a

ord Chief Justice Lord Lane, soon to depart the bench, is not thought to admire the Press role in investigating miscarriages of justice. Journalists from BBC TV's Rough Justice caught the sharp end of his tongue in 1985. And when the Birmingham Six's penultimate appeal, helped by Granada's World In Action, was lost in 1988. Lord Lane ended the summing up with a firm rebuff for the campaigners by noting that the longer the appeal had continued, the safer the convictions had seemed.

It was ironic, then, that Lord Lane should last night play a walk-on part in the latest television investigation of suspected miscarriage: Channel 4's examination of the A6 murder. True Stories: Han-ratty - The Mystery of Deadman's Hill In 1961, as plain Geoffrey Lane, he was junior counsel for the Crown in one of the most celebrated murder trials since the second

world war. The facts are dramatic, spelt out last night with commendable brevity and understatement which did nothing to diminish the viciousness of the act. In August 1961 the body of Michael Gregsten was found by the roadside on the A6 in Bedfordshire at a spot known appropriately as Deadman's Hill Valerie Storie, his lover, had been raped and then pumped with bullets and left for dead. In the Nineties. such a crime could soon pass from the front pages. Thirty

On April 4, 1962 James Hanrany, a small-time thief. was hanged at Bedford prison. convicted of the murder, the rape and the attempted murder. But did he do it? Family and campaigners have fought his corner for three decades. inspiring at least one book, countless newspaper articles, a review of the case in the Seventies and now the latest in a particular genre of television

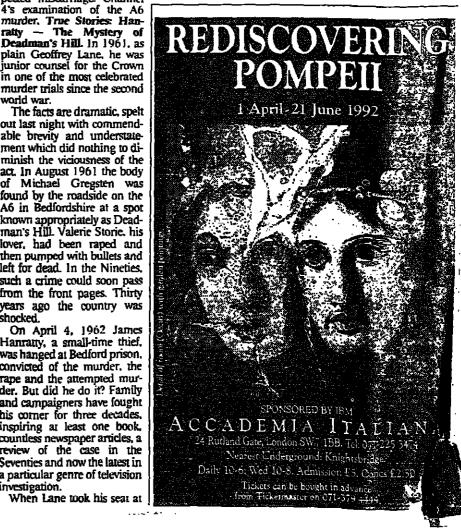
shocked.

When Lane took his seat at

Bedford it is unlikely anyone string of less famous cases. could have foreseen the power This time, the case does not of a still infant medium. rest on a doubtful confession Whilst newspapers have a or erratic forensic evidence. long, honourable history of in-Hanratty was hanged on the basis of an identification by vestigation, they cannot compare with the dramatic effect-Storie and circumstantial eviiveness of the television screen. dence. True Stories rehearsed or the ability of television to much that is known, adding reconstruct, or the time and some new material from police resources that a television compapers. Peter Alphon, the first pany can devote to a case. police suspect, has confessed.

as he has done twice before. Good television though this was, did it take the case for Hanratty's innocence any further? Possibly not But the Home Office will roday find it more difficult to repulse the

STEWART TENDLER



### Something nasty in the night cream?

thather Kirby reports on the use of human placenta in 'antiageing' cosmetics, and whether it can really bring results

that spring is here. This is an innocent enough dream but it is one that casonally forces women to ask remedies nightmarish questions thing whales' spleens, or rabis des, or, more recently: How do Ou feel about extracts from human facentas being used in face

in order to form a sensible pinion rather than an immediate ecosi, there are a whole range of street from ethics to efficacy which feed to be considered. Reports arlier this week that placentas rom abortions carried out in are being used in skincare products by Roc, the French cosnetic company, are denied by M hilippe Gerbault, the general ger and scientific director in

There has been a big misunder-stanting " he says. "We only use placema from full-term pregnanles from French mothers and we obtain them from a French comparty which operates under government hence to collect the material from maternity hospitals. I don't know it women have to give their

M Gerbault says that since 1938 placenta extract has been used as a treatment for burns, scars and ulcers of the skin, and that it has bear used in cosmetology, for revitalising products, since the early 1960s Although there is no law in this containy which says it must, the French company has al-ways made a virtue of the fact it ublishes all the ingredients used

in its preparations. "There are high levels of protein and enzymes in placenta which contain plasticising qualities that help with cell metabolism to stimu-late their renewal," M Gerbault says. "Other companies use them but don't say so, but it would be unethical for me to say who they are. Most of the placenta is used for medicine, only a small part is used for cosmetics. The material we use goes through a double sterilisation process so there is no risk of adverse in reaction and, because the fours are compatible with human in, they work very well." Although M Gerbault claims

that French women have known about human placenta ingredients going into face cream for years, is disturbing news to many women in the United Kingdom. Joan Price, for many years a highly regarded writer about beauty for women's magazines, who now runs a school for beauty therapists and owns a salon in London, had no idea the "placenta extract" mentioned in Roc's small print comes from women.

'If anyone found a way to do the things claimed for these rejuvenating creams they would win a Nobel prize. It is an industry built on mystique'

"We sell most of Roc's products and I am slightly surprised to hear such ingredients are used because, in my view, the strength of the Roc range is that it is unscented, hypoallergenic and not nearly as expensive as some of the well hyped products on the market," she says. There is hardly any difference between anti-ageing creams, most use ingredients from placentas from cows or sheep which have just given birth."

Marcelle d'Argy Smith, the edi-tor of Cosmopolitan magazine, who uses Roc's products, was also surprised. "I try so hard to be politically correct and morally correct but what can we put on our

faces?" she says.
In 1990, out of a total UK market of £2 billion pounds, we spent £185 million on facial skincare products, £115 million of that on moisturisers, according to

the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfumery Association. Women and men are seduced by the promise, if not of eternal youth, at least that a "skin energising concentrate", as Roc describes one of its rejuvenating products, will arrest or even reverse the ageing process for a while.
Part of the seduction process is

the scientific language — lipopro-teins. p-Hydroxybensoates. Phenoxyethanols and the rest employed by cosmetic companies which dermatologists dismiss as mostly mumbo-jumbo. Professor Sam Shuster, consultant dermatologist at the Royal Victoria Infirmaogist at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, gets exasperated by
the claims. "There is not a hope,"
he says. "If anyone found a way to
do the things claimed for these
rejuvenating creams thay would
win a Nobel prize. People use
extracts of all sorts of things,
monkey glands for instance, and
none of them make any difference
at all. It is an industry built on
mystime."

Dr Andrew Griffiths, a consultant at the St John's Dermatology Institute. London, admits his pro-fession says some harsh things about the cosmetic industry, but also acknowledges that he and his colleagues do not always help women to cope with anxieties about

skin problems.
"I have now founded a group of cosmetic dermatologists who will specialise in certain areas like hair, nails and anti-ageing products, so we can give correct information to GPs," he says. "We don't want them to be rude or dismissive to patients and we want to encourage them to be more enlightened by using preparations that are more aesthetically and cosmetically acceptable. We also want to establish a two-way exchange with the cosmetic

ing what substances from the human placenta can be used for cosmetic purposes. For instance, hormones such as oestrogen, progesterone or androgen, one of the male sex hormones, are forbidden although they can be extracted by pharmaceutical companies to make drugs such as HCG (Human

There are strict EC laws govern-



Facing the problem: but choice about the ageing process is exactly what customers cannot have

commonly used to release eggs at the appropriate time for women on ted reproduction programmes like IVF and GIFT.

Another use of placentas is to extract immunoglobulins, used to boost the body's natural immunity system, and generally used for transplant patients.

Mr Joseph Jordan, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Birmingham Hospital for Women, says: "My understanding is that placentas from this hospital go to a British company, and are only used for medical work, for things which would be difficult to extract from

"Immunoglobulin is also used for rhesus negative mothers who give birth to rhesus positive babies. and for surgeons who stick needles in their fingers — which I am always doing. The danger is I might get hepatitis which can destroy the liver, so I need the

A spokeswoman for the Royal College of Midwives said that unless mothers make a specific request to keep them, placentas are incinerated or stored, depending

on the policy of the hospital. Individual hospitals are autonomous in this respect. According to the colleges' spokeswoman, mothers do not have to give permission for their placentas to be used. although in strict legal terms it is their property. Some bizarre mothers want to eat it, because it is purported to help prevent postnatal depression, and quite a few women want to see what it looks like," she says. "But most of them

don't care what happens to it." In this country, according to a spokeswoman at the health department, each local health authority is responsible for the correct disposal of waste products, which is what human placenta is regarded as.

ormally they are put into special paper sacks and incinerated. If they were to be used they would be put into plastic packs or bottles in a fridge and collected at intervals and taken by refrigerated truck to a factory. The material would then be reduced to a watery

fluid or freeze-dried to a powder and the contents separated.

Mr David Paintin. emeritus reader in obstetrics and gynaecology at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, and the chairman of the Birth Control Trust, says: "I am surprised that the contents of placenta are regarded as being valuable. Enzymes are very delicate and can be damaged by the wrong environment, so I would be very surprised if they can be extracted and remain effective." He too, believes that there has not been any obligation on the part of the hospital to seek a woman's permission before disposing of the placen-"Property rights were disregarded because it was pre-sumed she was unlikely to want to exercise it," he says, "But if there was a commercial value, clearly

women would have to be asked." Only three of Roc's 150 products contain extracts from human placentas. They are the skin energising concentrate which costs £17.35. night cream, £18.34, and eye contour treatment gel. £13.95.

"We adhere to the same methods and controlled conditions as the pharmaceutical industry, which are far more stringent than those which are usually applied to cos-metics." one of the company's brochures says.

"When it became a little bit sensitive, we stopped all tests on animals, and now we have developed a new product. Actium, which we think is even more effective than human placenta extracts," M Gerbault says. "We will still be using the human placenta products, however, because customers like to have a choice."

Ultimately, of course, choice about the ageing process is exactly

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fillions of Japan's loyal corpohemselves or are being pushed by their companies to work too hard. "The Japanese have grown

dangerously addicted to overwork," says Toru Sekiya, who runs one of Tokyo's 100 neuropsychiatric clinics. "Some die of it but i treat

### **Tech intoxicated**

Some Japanese spend so many hours at work, they become addicted to overwork

those who have caught their addiction early on." In a cramped concrete surgery built next to his family home

treats scores of local salarymen

greater Tokyo, Dr Sekiya

and women. He says his most dangerous case is that of a 26-year-old employee of an electronics in a humdrum suburb of firm who suffers from an extreme case of "techno-dependency". This means he is convinced that he cannot communicate with people without Will your only legacy a computer, that he cannot live without a computer.

He spends all his waking hours either working with computers in his office or tinkering with them in his gadget-crammed room in his parents' home. "There is nothing else in this man's life. He works on Saturdays and Sundays, and is always at his desk on bank holidays." Dr Sekiya

e adds: "The patient stays late after work Levery night and he used to sleep at his office until his employers alerted me to his condition. He used to spend 365 days a year at work."

Dr Sekiya's patient believes there is no point in talking to humans because they are irrational and emotional. He feels computers are better because they are always accurate. He communicates with his office colleagues through computerised messages and is under such a degree of stress that the computer has become a kind of tranquilliser.

"He has virtually no friends," Dr Sekiya says, "but he thinks he is having a relationship with his computer."

In a country where almost every small boy can dash off a computer program, and spends his daily half-hour of spare time playing with video toy computer games, the potential for techno-stress seems considerable. While the predicament of Dr Sekiya's patient is extreme, the circumstances that produced it are common to millions of young Japanese.

An only child, he was pushed by his parents to work very hard at school from the age of about four. He attended cramming lessons after school hours, and extra tuition courses during the holidays. In his spare time he played

with computers. He did well, entered one of the best Tokyo universities and, on graduation, joined a big firm.

The company was delighted to have such a hard-working new employee, but after a couple of years he was still refusing to take holidays and to stop working overtime. Reluctant to delegate any work. he gradually withdrew into a world plundered of humanity in which his only companion

was his technology.

Many of Dr Sekiya's patients fit a disturbing pattern. They do not drink, smoke, gamble, take any exercise or mix with their peers. Most live with their naments, but keen to themselves, inhabiting rooms filled, like airplane cockpits, with the winking red lights of

computers. Two dozen sufferers of techno-dependency can be found sleeping in Dr Sekiya's clinic every night, unable to face their parents or their wives who, they believe, do not have the slightest understand-ing of their problem. Manifes-tations of the illness come in bizarre forms.

"The Japanese are not good at smiling, and we often laugh at the wrong times," Dr Sekiya says. "Some of my patients betray their stress by smiling too much. They cannot stop smiling, and these are not natural smiles. Others go shoplifting, although they have plenty of money, and steal things they neither want nor need. Afterwards they seem to have no idea what they have done."

¬ he number of Japanese suffering from illnesses caused by overwork has increased at least threefold in the past ten years, and although Dr Sekiya is reluctant to estimate national figures, because many people do not realise they are suffering from techno-stress", his small overcrowded suburban clinic now has to cater for nearly 1,500 patients. It is a grim microcosm of the national problem. The doctor, who has made a

small industry out of writing very low. books and articles on technostress, appears to have become as overworked as many of his patients. Asked how often he takes a holiday himself, he shakes his head and his thin lips form a smile that looks suspiciously unnatural. He is in no mood for levity. "Almost never," he says.

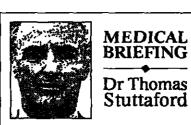
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### Shot in the holiday arm

JUST as typhoid caused more casualties than Boer bullets in the South African war so hepatitis A was a major cause of serious sickness, if not so many fatalities, in the North African and Italian cam-paigns in the 1939-1945 war. Whereas in the past it was warriors who travelled to high-risk areas, today even greater numbers of equally vulnerable people are voluntarily transported by jumbo jet to those parts of the world where primitive sanitation and poor hygiene make

hepatitis A a constant risk. Statistics suggest that for every jumbo jet which flies to a high-risk area, and this includes some parts of the Mediterranean as well as Africa, South America and the Far East, one passenger will later develop hepatitis A. The risk of infection is multiplied about fourfold if the traveller intends to backpack rather than stay in hotels of a reasonable standard.

Protection against the disease, which attacks the liver, has been revolutionised by the introduction this week of Havrix, an anti-hepatitis A vaccine. Previously prophylaxis had been chancy although an injection of immunoglobulin, rather painfully delivered into the buttock, gave



a reasonable protection for a few months. There is already an effective vaccine against hepatitis B. a form of hepatitis usually spread by blood and other body fluids, but still no satisfactory protection against hepatitis C and D.

The evidence suggests that Havrix, a killed vaccine, is both safe and effective. The initial two injections are separated by two weeks and give immediate protection for about a year. This period of protection can be prolonged to ten years if a third injection is given 6-12 months later. The immunisation provided by Havrix gives as good an immunity as an actual attack

of hepatitis A: antibody levels are 100 times greater than those offered by an immunoglobulin injection.

The cost of each dose is £13.60, which seems a reasonable additional expense to a holiday budget probably running into hundreds of pounds.

Hepatitis A is spread by faeces, and therefore by contaminated water, unwashed kitchen workers' or waiters' hands, and often by shellfish; more rarely it is passed on by blood or other body

In cases of hepatitis A there is an incubation period of 15-50 days after infection. This is followed by a period of nausea, diarrhoea, loss of appetite, headaches and generally flu-like symptoms. If, as commonly, jaundice develops the patient usually starts to feel rather better and is in fact less infectious. There is no treatment but most patients recover without long-term ill effects. But those over 40 are more likely to suffer serious complications, and United States figures show that the mortality rate in this older age group is as high as 2 per cent, and that 10-20 per cent have prolonged complications. Most patients lose the jaundice within a month although it may take longer for them to regain their accustomed good spirits.

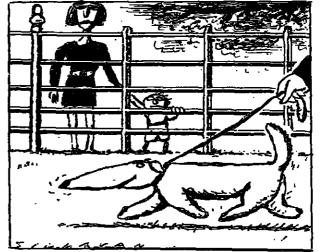
### **Canine** grumble

PITY the candidates fighting the election in London's Ken-sington North. The ferocity of the political battle is as nothing compared with the anger engendered by the threats to ban free-ranging dogs in Ken-sington Gardens, the very place where J M Barrie made dog-walking famous.

Dog owners claim that

those who demand that all dogs should be kept on a lead are motivated by emotion rather than medical statistics. The principal fear is that children will be infected by the larvae of Toxocara canis, parasites from dogs' intestines. Eggs of the parasite remain viable in soil, as demonstrated in samples taken from many public spaces, yet the incidence of disease in humans is

Keith Butt, who has a veterinary practice in the area and looks after many of its dogs, says that results are still awaited from an analysis carned out this week of soil from Kensington Gardens, but so far as he knows no case of Toxocara infection in children has been traced to the gardens. As Taxocara is not notifiable its incidence is



acute infection, slightly less rarely a chronic granulomatous lesion in the eye in young children. The eggs of Toxocara can also be spread by flies to food, or by children stroking a dog. Cats too have a similar parasite, Toxocara cati, which receives much less

Toxocara rarely causes an

The dog lovers are supported in their opinion that the risk of infection is exaggerated by the standard textbook of British medicine. This suggests that toxocariasis offers little threat to a child's health when compared to the much greater risk of toxoplasmosis, a

different, car-born parasite, which is particularly dangerous if caught during pregnancy. The author also says that the discovery of Toxocara eggs does not inevitably have adverse implications for human health.

Mr Butt concurs with this

standard medical view, and recommends that bitches should be dewormed when pregnant, adult dogs dosed at least twice a year, and pupples fortnightly during their first four months. Doctors and vets alike seem to agree that this regime would do much to control toxocarial infection in Ling part tribus in Paul Cone | Montal & Mals Tur a Sat 4 | \$1,4999 And See The Young Mr. Thore Sat 7 Sat 5 | Tur. Thur Sat 7 Sun. 10.4 | BARYSHIRKOV FLOCT TO

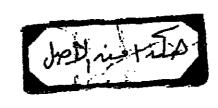
### Harmony in Sweden

ANOTHER use of Anafranil clomipramine in the furtherance of domestic harmony has been reported from Sweden. where a trial has shown the drug to be effective in easing pre-menstrual syndrome

Some years ago it was suggested that very small doses of clomipramine, a drug often used to treat depression in obsessional patients, lessened the problems of premature ejaculation when taken before sexual intercourse.

The Swedish research, analysed by Monitor magazine, has apparently demonstrated that women with PMS given small doses of clomipramine. 50mg daily, were twice as likely to report an improvement in depression, as well as physical symptoms, as those given a placebo.

The research workers considered that the dose was too low to achieve its effect by any anndepressant action. Even so, it was found that those patients who dropped out of the trial did so not because they did not show any improvement, which they did. but because of the side effects associated with many of the older antidepressants.







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Sunny future? Sir James Mancham, deposed president of the Seychelles, will return to the islands after 15 years, with his wife, Catherine Olsen, and son, Alexander

### Going back where I belong

Mancham, deposed president of the Seychelles, returns next week to his islands in

This will be a bizarre occasion, more in keeping with Ruritania than reality. Sir James, who anticipates a euphoric welcome from his supporters, is hoping for a reunion with President Albert René, his former prime minister and political rival, who ousted him in a coup in 1977, and who has since run the republic as a socialist state.

The last time he saw Mr René was on June 3, 1977, when the two men embraced at Mahé airport on Sir James' departure for the Commonwealth Conference in London. Two days later, Mr René had seized

Since then there has been an attempted counter-coup, a failed invasion by mercenaries and the assassination in London of one of Sir James' former ministers. The anti-terrorist squad uncovered a series of bugs in Sir James's home. With such a background of political intrigue it is understandable that Mr René's apparent

change of heart has come as

At his elegant London house overlooking the Thames, the flamboyant 52-year-old, once regularly referred to as "the playboy president", is nonetheless in optimistic mood, "Finally I see some light at the end of the tunnel," he says. "I

something of a surprise.

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fter 15 years in political exile, Sir James believe that after 15 years of grey socialist rule, the time has come to restore to the people their former joie de vivre." He is still very much the president in his own home, bellowing instructions to his Seychellois staff, demanding a handkerchief, photocopies, the temporary removal of his exuber-

ant six-year-old son Alexander. He believes that the political turnabout is the result of changes in East-West relations, the global disintegration of communism and pressure from America and France. He has played his own part, spearheading what he describes as a "fax revolution", faxing off a

the Seychelles. Strategically, the islands are important to both East and West. They are exactly half-way around the world from the American tracking station in Palo Alto and close to the post-Suez shipping route for oil tankers travelling daily

steady stream of messages of en-

couragement to his supporters in

from the Gulf States to the West. By the time the islands became independent from British rule in 1976 there was already an American tracking station on Mahé and a military base on the smaller island of Aldabra which the British had annexed and leased to the United States. Since the decline of the Soviet Union, both Iran and India have shown interest in developing ties with the Seychelles. Sir James, who qualified as a

barrister in the Middle Temple.

**Sally Brompton** 

meets Sir James Mancham, winner

of a 'fax

revolution'

has always been pro-British and would have prefered integration with Britain rather than the independence forced upon the islands by the British Labour government. Now, however, there is much to be done to prepare for his return. He has registered his Democratic Party in the Seychelles with himself as its leader and "put on hold" his London-based Crusade for Democracy in Sevchelles launched in 1989 with the support of 7.500

Seychellois exiles worldwide. His first intimation of changes was in a letter from Mr René last December which began "Dear Jim" and was signed "Albert" in which the president announced the restoration of democratic elections. Mr René, 55, who is also a lawyer, wrote of having invited "all Seychellois currently residing over-seas to return to Seychelles . . . and

participate in the political life of the country in a responsible manner". Since then, there have been three more letters from Mr René, the most recent arriving by fax this week agreeing to Sir James' suggestion of a meeting and wishing him a pleasant trip back. Sir James is arricous to bury past grievances for the sake of the future of the islands. new regime and allowed to fall into In a recent letter to Mr René he referred to them both as victims of "external politics and our own lack of maturity"

The actual election process has still to be finalised. Sir James would like to see the procedure laid down by an outside body rather than by Mr Rene. "I believe that if there was a free and fair democratic election tomorrow my party would win a resounding majority of votes," he says.

A peace-loving bon viveur much given to philosophical homilies of the "a wise mackerel will keep his distance from any shark" variety, Sir James will be accompanied on his two-week visit by his second wife, Catherine Olsen, the Australian journalist whom he met when she interviewed him, and his son. While Lady Mancham worries

about the safety of the trip (Sir James is organising his own security force of about 20 men), her husband is planning his strategy in confunction with the 100 or so other exiles who will be accompanying him, including his former ministers for finance and tourism. His first tasks on arriving on Mahé - the largest of the 115 islands - will include a visit to the graves of his mother and two younger brothers who died in his absence. His former home, built by his late father, a prosperous businessman, was confiscated by the

disrepair. Other family land has also been confiscated. Sir James insists that he had

nothing to do with the failed 1981 invasion of the Seychelles by 44 mercenaries led by Mike Hoare. Pretending to be members of a charitable drinking club known as Ye Ancient Order of Froth Blowers. the mercenaries were exposed when customs officers discovered an illegal bunch of bananas among their luggage. Searching for more illicit fruit in the hand baggage they found instead AK47 assault rifles.

Hoare was subsequently sentenced to ten years imprisonment and Sir James' former chief immigration officer, Gerard Hoareau, a leader of the British-based resistance movement, was shot dead outside his London home.

When Sir James later discovered that one of his employees was a spy for Mr René he was philosophical. "I felt his presence could have been beneficial because it would have made René realise I was not involved in forceful combat," he explains. "Otherwise I might have been the one assassinated.

In his exile, Sir James has achieved legendary status among his supporters in the Sevchelles who, he says, include most of the young. If there is a desire to have him back it is because, he says, The people know I was dedicated to the welfare of the country and the best interests of the nation"

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### The belugas and the boffin

A Russian scientist says his escaped belugas are symbols of peace, not war

he Russian professor whose lost beluga whales have caused a furore among conservationists, and incidentally left the Turkish government in a diplomatic quandary, has appealed to the world to let him have his whales back.

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Professor Vladimir Akhutin, the head of the St Petersburg Institute for Research and Development of Biotechnical Systems, has rejected charges that the belugas were being trained for karnikaze attacks on enemy submarines, and described for the first time their place in his ambitious plans to create the world's largest centre for marine ecological studies. "The belugas were trained, but for peaceful purposes," he says.

Meanwhile, one or both of the whales are apparently still roaming the coast of northern Turkey, 300 miles from the research station near Sevastopol from which they escaped in October, after a storm. The Russians want them back, local fishermen want them to stay in Turkey, and British whale lovers are campaigning to repatriate them to their icy native waters in the Sea

of Okhotsk, 5,000 miles away. Experts in international law have declared that the Russians lost their legal right of ownership when the whales cruised into Turkish territorial waters.

Greenpeace International has warned that repatriation to the Arctic might disastrously infect the belugas' birthplace with germs and parasites picked up in the Black Sea. There are also fears that the whales, christened Aydin and Ali by the fishermen who have claimed them as mascots might not survive the pollution and relatively mild temperatures of Turkish waters in

An almost nostalgic cold war slant has been given to the story by media claims that the whales were "almost certainly" being trained by the Russians to track and attack enemy submarines

or divers. Dolphins were reportedly trained by the Uni-ted States in the 1960s to attach limpet mines to ships and stab Vietnamese divers with syringes of fatal gas.

The institute's work could be an innocent spin-off from earlier, more sinister, research. Its research station is apparently 40 miles or more from the base in the Crimea which is said to have been the centre for naval experiments with cetaceans.

> The controversy is a dismaying setback to the institute at a crucial moment for its fortunes. For months, Pro-

fessor Akhutin has been quietly negotiating in the West to secure hard currency backing for a proposed marine ecology complex. Now his project finds itself in an unwelcome limelight, accused of a shady

exploitation of wildlife. "It is quite untrue that our college has any military purpose," Professor Akhutin says. "This is a story which has got about because our Sevastopol laboratory is near to defence installations and the naval base of the Black Sea fleet. Our purpose is to launch a great international programme of ecology. We will study sea animals of all kinds and man's impact on the sea.

of pollution and conservation." While admitting that the whales were trained. Professor Akhutin is clearly rather baffled by the furore his belugas have aroused. He insists that they were well cared for. His institute is said to have about 40 cetaceans at Sevastopol, and to have acquired the belugas seven years ago.

and seek solutions to the problems

"Some people say this whale should stay in Turkey, for children and others to play with," he says.

(Still unconvinced by reports that both lost whales have made their way to Turkey, he speaks of only one.) "But I have bought this animal, and now I need to use her. She cost 90,000 roubles [then officially worth about £90,000]. We have trained her to co-operate with us. Belugas are very easy to work with once they are trained, but it takes time — the man must look at the beluga, and the beluga must look at the man, and they swim around together and get used to

each other."

The training programme has both research and practical objectives, Professor Akhutin says. "We have devices for measuring their pulse, their temperature and many other parameters. Psychologists from an institute in Kiev are helping with our studies of their behaviour. We also study how man and whale can work together in the exploration of the sea-bed, and in finding mineral deposits such as manganese. These activities are fun for the animals and their trainers."

Professor Akhutin is confident that the whales could be trained to search the sea-bed, under television surveillance, or perhaps carrying television cameras, and guide ships to mineral deposits. Beluga training is only a small part of the institute's ambitious programme. Plans have been discussed with marine academics in Germany. Greece, Italy and America. Professor Akhutin was in London recently, meeting MPs to explore the possibility of British government

Christened "Man and the Sea", Professor Akhutin's project is spectacular in scale and scope, based on a complex of buildings a kilometre long – comparable to Canary Wharf, in London's Docklands in the extent of their ground plan. The complex would include laboratories, a conference centre, and extensive research facilities, including warm tanks in which even



Help: diver Ray Gravnor feeds Aydin

tropical species would be protected from the rigours of the St Petersburg winter, and a tank under pressure which would simulate the environment 300ft below the surface of the sea.

To help finance the centre's scientific work, the development would incorporate housing, shops and a hotel. Displays would be open to the public, and there would be a sea theatre, primarily for research, but used also commercially. This would presumably present displays of trained animals similar to those seen in Western dolphin

"Vladimir is passionately concerned about marine wildlife and the effect mankind is having upon it." says Stewart Riddick, a British architect and the director of Opus Projects, a company which is providing Western management skills for the project. "The Russians are supplying the site and infra-structure, and a lot of the raw materials, but they need hard currency to get started."

GEORGE HILL

### **Cold-shouldered again**

Are women's issues being overlooked in a 'macho and bad-tempered' election campaign?

Ithough there is mention of women's priorities in the party manifestos, only the issues of child benefit and nursery education have received any real coverage in the torrent of reportage of this election campaign. It makes one wonder how much politicians and commentators care about the views of 52 per cent of the electorate. It is as if they are all colluding in ensuring women's voices are not heard: again and again we see male politicians being interviewed by male reporters in what is becoming an increasingly macho and bad-tempered campaign where the real issues get drowned in a sea of mutual insults.

Women started with high hopes of this election. For several years we have been told how demographic changes would increase our opporfunities and ensure that our contribution to wider society, as well as the home, would be recognised. In practice, women still earn only twothirds of the average man's wage more than 20 years after the first Equal Pay Act was passed, and our representation in all areas of public remains, in Lady Howe's

words, "wholly unacceptable in a

modern democracy". Yet these issues were beginning to be discussed: John Major might not have had women in his cabinet but he did launch Opportunity 2000, and his party produced A Britain without Barriers: The Conservative Record for Women. The Labour party meanwhile wooed women with its proposed Ministry for Women with detailed proposals for Putting Equality into Practice and Claire Rayner tackling working women's problems in a magazine-style Women Today. Paddy

Ashdown commissioned a group of

prominent Liberal Democrat women to produce Unlocking the Door, ambitious proposals "to liberate the economic potential of

We were becoming more confi-dent in our abilities to come together across party barriers. We had some notable successes: lobbying led to the removal of taxation on workplace nursery places; the payment of the invalidity care allowance to married women; moves towards equality in taxation. pensions and retirement ages; and the saving and index-linking of child-benefit. The 214-member organisations

of the National Alliance of Wom-

en's Organisations (NAWO) in-

dude such diverse groups as the

Mothers' Union, the National Pay

Equity Campaign, professional women's groups, local rape crisis centres, black women's groups, rural groups, plus the women's committees of all the main political

> The ten points of our Agenda for Women: A New Deal for the Nineties, launched in December 1990, cover the economy and employment, environment, education and training, family, health, public life, images of women, violence, housing and international

> NAWO's broad priorities have been extended by the Equal Opportunities Commission's Equality Agenda, by the Election Agenda produced by the Business and Professional Women, by the Fawcett Society's policy proposals

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### Route maps through bereavement

Would you be able to cope with the devastating loss of a partner? Libby Purves considers two very different solutions

hen the poet Ted Walker was widowed, and seemed to have reached a plateau of recovery, overnight he developed violent nettle-rash. His body was smothered in scarlet blotches, weals, "cross-hatched corrugations and stipplings", his lips swollen. Properly scared he ran to alert his daughter, who suggested a pollen

Gradually it subsided, but it was 18 months, Mr Walker says, before he realised what happened. "I was much debilitated; the body had to excrete the accumulated stress of several years. Some mourners, I was to discover, are prey to nervous breakdowns, ulcers, and much much worse chronic arthritic conditions, heart attacks, even cancer

... This is probably what accounts for so many instances, in centuries gone by, of persons dying of grief or 'a broken heart'."

He wished he had been warned about this by a doctor. "Nowadays, group practice waiting-room noticeboards are a blizzard of leaflets advertising whatever is trendiest in welfare concern: diet fads, weight-watching, well woman clinics, cervical smears, toddler groups and such: but the eternal problem of what to do about being bereft of one's life partner is ignored." The blotches, he says. recurred for a while, then faded.

Mr Walker's book, The Last of England (published yesterday by Jonathan Cape, £13.99), is a rare thing. Not since C.S. Lewis's A Grief Observed has a man written so poignantly about losing a wife: and Mr Walker's experience is more valuable because his mar-riage - unlike Lewis's short, intense, eccentric love affair - was a long one, and bore children.

We meet him first, a man pushing 50, locking up his house in Sussex to flee to Spain: "Lorna was five weeks dead. I had fallen in love with her when I was 14 and I had never been in love with anybody else. After the funeral my children had resumed their lives elsewhere. I had given away my cat." The family house has become hateful and hopeless. "Blouses, collections of porcelain thimbles, half-finished knitting. I could have been no more lonely in a chaos of rocks."

Mr Walker is a poet, and his book will be feted elsewhere as literature: but it strikes odd, practivolume out this month. Widow's Journey, by Xenia Rose (Souvenir Press, April 27, £13.95 and £8.95) is an account of her own loss - at the age of 48 - of her husband, the cellist Leonard Rose. Mrs Rose, moreover, is a psychotherapist who counsels widows, and has incomorated their experience into what she hopes is "a practical warm and sympathetic book to help all

The two books compare strangely: one a darkly witty, deep-rooted English literary evocation of grief, the other — though born out of

She tried to order stationery and couldn't work out her identity. 'Who am I? Am I married? ... Visa shredded my card and said I had ceased to exist'

equal sadness and shock -- a kindly, brisk, optimistic American "you-can-do-it" manual. So we have poetry versus psychobabble, Old World versus New, male versus female and - not least - a widowed parent contrasted with the relict of an intense, child-free second marriage.

Both are worth reading, since we all encounter widowhood: either personally, or through trying to help friends of parents. If Mr Walker fled to Spain it was partly "to escape from the well-meant but ultimately agonising kindness and pity of family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. For weeks now i had been eating their dinners listening to their comfortable words on the telephone, reading their soft messages in letters . . . they were not to know how incalculably worse was the ensuing aloneness when one had taken one's leave after the pudding, hung up the receiver, screwed up the envelope". The state of widowhood, male or female, clearly needs expression and better

The two could not, on the face of it, be more different. Mrs Rose speaks of "the mourning process" and super-egos. As therapy for the mixed emotions of widowhood she recommends writing letters to the deceased about your feelings, and then presuming to write back on their behalf. Her own attempts are reproduced in the book: "Dear Xenia... You were a people-person married to an obsessed musician", writes the imagined Leonard, joining in the psychobabble. "Those fights (we had) helped me connect

self-criticism. You're a woman with many years of living ahead." Such tactics would not occur to Mr Walker, who prefers a sombre cathedral and the Arundel tomb which inspired Philip Larkin's poem ending: "What will survive of us is love." He would not go writing imaginary letters from the dead; not would be like Mrs Rose and her patients, go through mental turmoil giving himself permission to buy himself a Christmas present as a symbolic self-empowerment.
No: he just drives off to Spain,
weeping intermittently, by way of a
French camping site where he ears
"a cheerless dinner of pilchards and inadequately ripened Camem-bert" and sings along morosely with his radio until the second bottle of burgundy knocks him out.

Men seem more easily to permit

themselves small physical self-

ticket to society. Xenia Rose

Nor does he, as a man, suffer the

indulgences.

the degree to which marriage to a well-loved celebrity had anchored as well as restricted her. She tried to order stationery and couldn't work out her identity: "Who am I? Am I married? ... Visa shredded my married? ... Visa shredded my card and said I had ceased to exist." A recurrent theme in her book is the social bewilderment of the suddenly lone woman. She is also brutally acute on the "professional widows" of distinguished men, who reject all future relationships. Like the musician's wife who was forever attending festivals and dedicating memorials. "She became a travelling monument... Was I like that? Did I feel safer as Widow Famous than as a woman attached to a living, loving, non-celebrity?" Mr Walker has none of this



Times remembered: the poet Ted Walker says "the eternal problem of what to do about being bereft of one's life partner is ignored"

ships. "One is transformed by bereavement, one is perceived as someone worryingly other than before, someone slightly freakish and difficult to get used to, like a new amputee."

Both writers also muse on the importance of domestic detail: Mrs Rose urging widows to take the trouble to eat properly, as much for self-respect as nutrition, and Ted Walker becoming obsessively houseproud in rebellion against the idea of the hopeless squalid widower. "One fellow I had one talked to in my village pub, a decorated second world war fighter pilot,

described to me how he sat every day among his soiled linen, old milk bottles and dust-furred knickknacks and trophies, waiting for the postman to bring him news of an available room in the RAF Benevolent Home."

strikes borne is how similarly these two vastly different people feel widowhood. The cumulative effect is to throw a great deal of light on it. They both express the guilt, the weakness, the the bewilderment about what to do, and worse, who

to be, when half your personality is wrenched away. Each knows what borrid symptoms death can bring out in friends and relatives. One mother-in-law described by Mrs Rose constantly tells her son's widow that "the worst loss anyone can suffer is the loss of her child": and she herself had a New-Yorkneuronic friend who had the nerve to say that her loss was greater because her analyst said Leonard was her father-figure. Mr Walker identifies the equally sinister sympathisers. "If a widower should hint that there has come a new lady

into his life, the sympathiser may

well resent in for sympathy is a power exerted over the mourner by persons who do not always understand how deeply they have been corrupted by it. They have, however unwittingly, an emotional stake in your continuing unhappiness." You want, he says "to feel the sympathy, but not necessarily have it expressed. An impossible demand, perhaps".

Between poetry and therapy. Mr Walker and Mrs Rose have used their several sadnessess to provide. at least, an outline map of a dark country. It is happy to record that both have now remarried.

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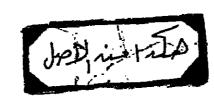
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Kevin Eason asks what you can do when you act in good faith yet buy a stolen vehicle others want back

### My dream car is a stolen MGB

but never previously been able to afford. At £1,650, she knew it would need restoration but Mrs Kent was willing to lavish time on

Following up the address in the local newspaper advertisement, she met the owner, checked the logbook and took the car away. She started restoration, which led to £600 of repairs.

A few weeks later, the police visited to say that the car had been stolen in December 1990. The MGB had passed through a chain of hands until it ended up at her home in Cowley, Oxford.

The police had been tipped off when Mrs Kent registered ownership with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea, That was the start of a distressing six months in which Mrs Kent claims she has been interviewed by police and checked on by a private

An insurance company had paid out £3,200 on the original theft claim when the vehicle was stolen, but now it wants the money back. The company has offered to settle for £2,000 but Mrs Kent is refusing. There is every likelihood the

Kent's dream car, a classic bitter and costly legal action, and she had always wanted she is hurt and confused.

Mrs Kent is probably only one of thousands of people who fall victim to conmen and thieves who deal in stolen or damaged cars.

The fraud is vast, although nobody knows how many motorists like Mrs Kent may be fighting legal actions or who simply paid up or gave their car back once it was discovered to be "hot property".

For dealers, handling stolen cars is a big problem. HPI, the vehicle information bureau, estimates that 6.900 cars checked by motor dealers in the fourth quarter last year were listed on the police computer as stolen, 300 per cent more than in the same quarter of 1990. Such an increase reflects the growth of a crime that costs the insurance industry more than £400 million a vear in claims. No wonder insurance companies want

to recoup their losses. Motor dealers and members of the public buy cars in good faith, not knowing they could be the ultimate losers if the car they buy has been stolen.

However, according to Paul Leo,

dealer's business could be at risk from buying cars that have to be handed back.

In Mrs Kent's case, the insurance company wants to assume ownership of her car or be paid for it. although she has already handed over £1,650. Her total bill could exceed £3,600, plus legal fees, as she seeks advice from solicitors on how best to protect herself.

She says: "Even though the car has dearly been stolen. I am the one who has to foot the bill in the end. Yet none of this is my fault." How can the problem be solved? The victim could sue a thief for the return of the purchase price, but that would have as much chance of success as Screaming Lord Sutch becoming prime minister.

None of the political parties has any specific suggestions, which means that prevention is the best cure. Always check on the background of the people offering the car, their address, all documents and the car's history.

Those simple checks, however, may not work, as in the case of Mrs Kent, who looked at the MGB logbook and was satisfied.

HPI may be able to provide an the managing director of HPI, the impact of being caught out does not take long to sink in. He adds that a



Bargain that went wrong: Jennie Kent and the MGB sports car

qualities

sleekness and style.

the trade in which dealers can make one telephone call to discover whether a car appears on the police theft computer.

The service may be widened by the end of the year to include members of the public who want to check the background of a car. HPI

North-East of England, but Mr Leo hopes the scheme could soon operate nationally.

He says: "There has to be a way of helping ordinary car buyers to protect themselves against the sort of losses that can be incurred if they buy a stolen car. We hope to have is conducting test marketing in the an answer before long.

Although the streets of London are not

the ideal place for any motorcycle, its

manoeuvrability, good cornering and

well matched brakes, combined with

In Britain the Buell rider is likely to

be a professional - a banker, doctor or

stockbroker. "Our customers in the

United States tend to be aged 35 to 65,

not the wealthy elite, but with money to

spend on a machine that costs a little

were soon apparent:

### **ROADWISE**

### Ford films safety

FORD has produced a video helping its employees to take care on the roads. The video features interviews with police officers, accident victims and drivers. Statistics put human error as the cause of 25 per cent of road crashes, a target tackled by Ford's film team. The video has been so successful that police, safety officers and education authorities are also using it.

### Little splash

A PROLONGED drought forcing water rationing could put some motor dealers out of business, the Petrol Retailers' Association says. The association says that forecourt profits are so slim that retailers can make money only on side activities, particularly car washes. The organisation says that many will have a tough time if they have to turn off the water pumps.

### Sunny prospects

VAUXHALL is to use Tudor Webasto sunroofs in its Britishbuilt Astra cars for the next five years. The manufacturer from Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, is to supply up to 3,000 sunroofs a week to Vauxhall's factory at Ellesmere Port, Merseyside. Tudor has spent two years designing the tilt-andslide glass sunroofs specifically for Vauxhall. The company's other clients include Rover, Ford. Honda and Land-Rover.

### To the rescue

THE Automobile Association has chosen Peugeot to supply roadside rescue vehicles. The company's factory at Ryton, Coventry, is providing seven 405 estate cars and 50 Peugeot Express vans to add to 150 of the 309 diesels already on the fleet of Britain's biggest motoring organisation.

### New Volvo

VOLVO is introducing a new entry level model to its 400 medium-car range. The 440 Xi has central locking, power steering, tinted mirrors, new wheel trims and body styling, plus a 1.8-litre, fuel-injected engine and a catalytic converter. The price is £10,775.

Seat is also introducing its 1.6litre version of the Toledo range. Tilt-and-slide sunroof is standard. along with free AA membership, and the car costs £8,989.

### Old elegance

SOME of the world's most elegant cars are expected to turn out for the Mulbery Ecurie Ecosse Tour start-

ing from the Gleneagles Hotel. Tayside, on May 5. Among rare cars will be a Lancia D24 and the Miller Indianapolis. Owners are taking to the Scottish roads because they say they want their cars to be seen, rather than locked away in private museums.

### Faulty buys

EIGHT per cent of new cars are delivered fresh from the showroom to their new owners with a fault according to a survey by Fleet Management Services.

The Midlands company says that Volvo and Mercedes-Benz rate best and enjoyed a fault-free record among its fleet cars in 1991. Other good scorers were Audi and Citroén. Eighteen per cent of faults were mechanical and 14 per cent

### Sports sizzler

TOYOTA is promising a sizzling newcomer to coincide with the introduction of its new rally car. Under Royal Automobile Club rules, the Japanese company has to produce 5,000 road versions of the new Celica Turbo 4wd model.



above, which it wants to enter in rallies this year. Only 440 of the special edition 205bhp cars will be available in Britain. Toyota is also launching a revamped MR2 range, with new equipment and sleeker bodywork.

### Porsche cuts

PORSCHE has decided to offer some big bargains as it runs out the last of the line of 944 models, due for replacement by the new 968 series in the summer.

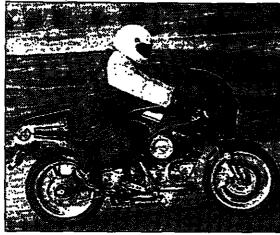
The 944S2 drops from about £36,000 to £28.995, the 944S2 cabriolet from £41,000 to £30,000 and the 944 turbo cabrioler from £46,000 to £35,995.

### **Bike like**

EXECUTIVE bikers, the middleaged returning to two wheels for pleasure, have welcomed the Budget cut in special car tax, which has also reduced motorcycle prices.

One customer placed an order with Roger Etcell, a Honda dealer, for the exclusive NR750 Honda superbike, only to discover that the price had dropped by £1,400 to £36,600. Triumph's best-seller, the 1200cc Trophy, is down by £250 to

### Two-wheel style and skill in the best tradition



Coming soon: a machine for the smart professional

ike Beluga caviare, some things are too exclusive to be put on the shelves for passing shoppers. The Buell RS Series, about to be officially introduced in Britain, are distinctive motorcycles and a tribute to Erik Buell, a former. Harley-Davidson engineer, who has always done things differently and to the highest standards.

The Japanese have dominated the superbike market with lookalike circuit racers for the road. Mr Buell, however, is attracting style-conscious Europeans with a motorcycle bred from the traditional skills of Harley-Davidson.

Unfortunately, the tradition that makes Harleys distinctive also stifled the talents of Mr Buell, who wanted to try something new. After years of financial hardship he secured private backing and took on a staff of 12, and in 1989 the motorcycles began rolling out out of his Wisconsin factory. Mr Buell used his expertise as a racer to design the machine using the Harley engine. He still personally inspects every machine before delivery. "Americans can build and design anything as well as the Japanese," he says.

The result is a motorcycle that the smart will use to cruise the Côte d'Azur. They will delight in a machine with a Harley 1200 sportster engine and highquality hand-finished components, including a colour-coordinated tool kit. The first things you notice about the

Buell are how light it is and how it just sticks to the tarmac. The machine is designed to cope well with twisty mountain roads and is already selling well in Switzerland

To try one, I contacted John Warr, the grandson of the founder of that famous Harley shop in Chelsea, west London.

### bit more because it is a high-quality product," Mr Buell says. "We envisage a similar clientele in the UK, people

who appreciate a bit of craftsmanship." The RSS Debaxe is \$15,995 and the RS Deluxe \$16,495 in the US. Prices for Britain have yet to be set, although Mr Warr will import for about £17,000.

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thought that there was consid-

erable force in those submissions.

His Lordship disagreed: the con-trol of the proceedings rested with

the judge and not with the plaintiffs. An expectation that the trial would proceed to a conclu-sion upon the evidence to be

The only legitimate expectation of any plaintiff was to receive justice. Justice could only be achieved by assisting the judge

Lord Roskill delivered a concur-

ring opinion and Lord Keith, Lord Bridge and Lord Goff

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tice. A jury which retired at about 10am and returned at 5pm was

not, in their Lordships' experi-ence, regarded as having sat too

long. It was the part of a retirement which went into late

evening that might give cause for

There would be occasions when

of Appeal might conclude that in

verdict reached by the jury was

It was clear that in the present

case the jury were alert to their responsibilities at about 8pm.

when they asked for a few more

minutes to consider their verdicts

and there was no evidence of a

feeling of oppression affecting

The evidence against the appel-lants was formidable and there

was no reason to conclude that the

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verdicts were unsafe.

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Lord Justice Raiph Gibson had

to be adduced."

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was plainly wrong.

### Lloyd's owe no duty over letter

poration of Lloyd's Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman and Lord Goff

of Chieveley

[Speeches April 1] A decision by a judge that a particular course should be followed in the conduct of the trial in the interests of justice was to be

upheld by an appellate count unless the judge was plainly The House of Lords so held in

allowing an appeal by the Corporation of Lloyd's from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Woolf) on September 20, 1991 quashing the decision of Mr Justice Gatehouse in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on June 17, 1991 ordering the determination of preliminary points of law in an action brought against Lloyd's by the plaintiffs. Patricia Ashmore

and 30 other Lloyd's names. The plaintiffs claimed damages in respect of losses on insurance contracts suffered by them as members of syndicates managed by Oakeley Vaughan (Underwrit-ing) Ltd (OVU) for breach, inter alia, of an alleged duty by Lloyd's to warn the plaintiffs of breaches of good underwining practice by OVU.

BAIN ARACUMENTER BUT ARE THE KE

Mr Peregrine Simon, OC, Mr Paul Walker and Mr Manhew Reeve for Lloyd's; Mr Michael Griffin and Mr Nicholas Peacock

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the judge had ordered a trial of preliminary points of law to owed to each plaintiff any and if so which of the duties alleged in the points of claim and to decide the extent and application of the immunity from suit conferred on Lloyd's Act 1982. It was agreed that the issue of immunity was suitable for decision by preliminary issue].

Various duties had been ascribed to Lloyd's in the points of claim but they mainly consisted of owed to each plainuif.

First, there was said to be a duty on Lloyd's to take reasonable care to ensure that a managing agent obeyed the rules of good under-writing and did not commit a breach of his contractual obliga-

Second, it was said that there was a duty on Lloyd's to inform a name of any serious breach of the duties owed by the managing agent to the name whenever Lloyd's discovered the breach, or with reasonable diligence could have discovered the breach. Before the judge had decided to had considered the dangers in-volved in that course and the guidance of the House in Tilling v Whiteman ([1980] AC 1).

The plaintiffs' first objection to the making of the order had been that the points of law ordered by the judge did not cover their case that there was a duty in tort. If Lloyd's owed a duty by statute or contract, then the preliminary issue would be decided in favour of the plaintiffs. But if no duty was imposed by statute or contract it did not appear to his Lordship that a duty could arise in tort.

However, a duty arose, so it was Lloyd's committee had suggested amendments to and approved a letter sent out by OVU to its names commenting on an investigation by Lloyd's into certain aspects of their conduct of under-

It was said that Lloyd's later discovered facts from which they should have realised that the letter queht to have been corrected in

But Lloyd's had never assumed sponsibility for the letter and the plaintiffs receiving a letter from OVU had no right to rely on Lloyd's for the accuracy of its contents. His Lordship failed to see how the letter could have created a duty in tort owed by Lloyd's to each of the plaintiffs if

no such duty existed beforehand.

The second objection was that decided in advance of oral evidence concerning certain admissions alleged to have been made by Lloyd's. The plaintiffs

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr.

Justice Boreham and Mr Justice

The long retirement of a jury.

stretching through to late evening

in a single day, should be avoided

if possible. It was not the length of

going into the evening, which

The Court of Appeal so held

when dismissing appeals of Leon-

ard Akano and Floashade Amure

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might give cause for concern.

retirement, but that part

Regina v Akano

Regina v Amure

(Judgment March 31)

ings remarks which the judge had dismissed as informal comments made by members of the Lloyd's

The plaintiffs had submitted that those admissions were evidence upon which they could rely to prove the existence of an implied term in the contract between Lloyd's and each plaintiff to the effect that Lloyd's owed a duty of care to names.

The relationship between when the name became a member of Lloyd's. That relationship was the same for all names and did not differ from one name to another according to their different dates of membership

The task of the court in deciding whether there was a duty on Lloyd's towards each member could not be affected by subsequent remarks of a committee member. The observations of committee members were neither relevant nor admissible to decide whether a duty in law existed.

In Banque Keyser Ullmann v Skandia (UK) Insurance Co Ltd (1991) 2 AC 249, 280) his Lordship had warned against proceedings in which all or some of the litigants indulged in over-elaboration causing difficulties to judges at all levels in the achieve ment of a just result.

His Lordship had also said that reluctant to entertain complaints about a judge who controlled the conduct of proceedings and limdence and argument

So, too, where a judge, for

Jury should not be kept late

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS.

giving the judgment of the court, said that the jury were out from about 1 pm until 8.30pm.

It had long been recognised

that an overnight rest for a jury in

a hotel was preferable to a continuous sitting well into an

evening, when a jury because of, for example, tiredness or irritation, might reach a verdict which

they would not have reached if

they had approached it with fresh

Any suspicion that that might

happen should cause a judge to

make provision for the jury to rest for a night before continuing their

deliberations. A decision about

that should be taken no later than

However, it was not right to say

that a seven and a half hour retirement inevitably led to injus-

### Challenging foreign judgment

and Another (No 2) Before Lord Griffiths, Lord

Bridge of Harwich, Lord Acknet. Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Speeches April 1

The judge here had thought he would be assisted by an early deliberation of issues of law, For registration of a Commonwealth judgment to be denied under section 9(2)(d) of the Administration of Justice Act In his judgment in the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Ralph Gib-1920 on the ground that it had been obtained by fraud, there was no requirement that the fraud should be established by fresh had additionally resisted the determination of preliminary isevidence that had not been availsues on the additional ground able at trial. that "it was wrong thus to take the

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Owens Bank Ltd. from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson) (The Times April 15, 1991: [1992] 2 WLR 127), who had dismissed its appeal from Sir Peter Pain sitting as a High Court judge (The Times January 8,

The bank, a St Vincent company, had applied under section 9 to register a judgment of the High Court of St Vincent and the Grenadines, affirmed by the Court of Appeal of St Vincent and the Grenadines, obtained by it ainst the defendants, Dr Fulvio Bracco and Bracco Industria

The judge had ordered, on the defendants' application, that 'an issue be tried as to whether that udgment had been obtained by

Section 9 of the 1920 Act provides: "(1) Where a judgment has been obtained in a superior court in any part of his Majesty's outside the United Kingdom ... the judgment cred-itor may apply to the High Court in England ... to have the judgment registered in the

"(2) No judgment shall be ordered to be registered under this section if — ... (d) the judgment was obtained by

Mr Martin Mann, QC and Mr Michael Gadd for the bank; Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC and Mr Thomas Beazley for the

LORD BRIDGE said that their Lordships had determined that other appeal from the Court of Appeal, by the defendants, depended on questions that it was necessary to refer to the European Court of Justice and had accordingly ordered that further proceedings on that appeal be

The bank's claim in the St Vincent action had been that one Nano, its then managing direc-tor, acting on its behalf, had lent to the second defendants SwFr9 handed over in cash by Nano to

of the second defendants, acting on its behalf or his own behalf The loan was to be repayable in

The first defendant had denied the transaction in toto, asserting that no loan had been agreed or made, that no cash had been handed over and that the loan documents were forgeries not signed by him. The second defendants asserted that if the first defendant had entered into any authority to do so.

It was not in dispute that, if the loan documents had been forgeries and the account given by Nano in his evidence in the court in St Vincent of the loan transaction had been a fabrication, the St Vincent judgment had been obtained by fraud.

But the bank submitted that the language of section 9(2)(d) of the 1920 Act had to be construed as qualified by the common law rule that the unsuccessful party who had been sued to judgment was not permitted to challenge that judgment on the ground that it had been obtained by fraud ess he was able to prove that fraud by fresh evidence that had not been available to him and could not have been discovered with reasonable diligence before the judgment had been delivered. Here, it was said, there was no such fresh evidence

That was the rule to be applied in an action brought to set aside an English judgment on the ind that it had been obtained by fraud. It rested on the principle that there had to be finality in litigation, which would be deted if it were open to the unsuccessful party in one action to bring a second action to relitigate the issue determined inst him simply on the ground that the opposing party had obtained judgment in the first

action by perjured evidence. The question in issue in the present appeal was whether a defendant who was seeking to resist the enforcement against him of a foreign judgment, either judgment at common law or under the statutory machinery for the enforcement of foreign judgments, was in the same position as if he were a plaintiff in an action

seeking to set aside the judgment

of an English court on the ground that it had been obtained by fraud

and could therefore only rely on

evidence that satisfied the English

A foreign judgment given by a court of competent jurisdiction over the defendant was treated by the common law as imposing legal obligation on the judgmen debtor that would be enforced in an action on the judgment by an English court in which the defen-dant would not be permitted to him by the foreign court.

But that was subject to the special defence that the foreign judgment had been obtained by fraud: see the decisions of the Court of Appeal in Abouloff V Oppenheimer & Co ((1882) 10 QBD 295) and Vadala v Lawes ((1890) 25 OBD 310).

Those decisions had been criticised by academic writers and had not been followed by the Canadian courts but they had to stand as establishing the relevant English law unless and until overruled by the House of Lords.

Mr Mann submitted that the time had come when they should be overruled, either as having been wrongly decided in the first place or on the ground that they rested on a principle that was unacceptable today and out of accord with the approach of the courts to other issues arising in

His Lordship appreciated the force of that submission, and, if the issue were governed only by it necessary to examine in detail both the relevant authorities prior to Abouloff v Oppenheimer and Mr Mann's arguments.

But that was not the position Enforcement in the United King-dom of the judgments of courts in the Commonwealth was governed by section 9 of the the 1920 Act. efore considering the possibil-

ity of overruling Aboutoff v
Oppenheimer and Vadala v
Lawes it was necessary to determine the scope of the fraud defence available to a judgment debtor resisting statutory enforcement in reliance on section

The 1920 Act had been preceded by the report in 1919 of a

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ments and Awards (Cms 251) Even without reference to that report, section 9(2)(d) would have to be construed with reference to the common law as understood in 1920, but the context in which the committee's recommendations that had come to be embodied in

section 9(2) had been made left no mom for doubt. The committee's recommendation that it should be one of the express bars to the enforcement of a Commonwealth judgment that it had been obtained by fraud could only have been intended to apply the wide rule that the court had applied to foreign judgments in Aboutoff v Oppenheimer and Vadala v Lawes and section 9(2)(d) had to be construed

In those decisions the common law courts had declined to accord the same finality to foreign judgments as to English judgments but had preferred to give primacy to the principle that fraud unravelled every hing.

His Lordship recognised that as a matter of policy, there might be a strong case to be made in the 1990s in favour of according to overseas judgments the sume finality as the courts accorded to English judgments.

But enforcement of overseas judgments was now primarily verned by the 1920 statute and governed by the transmission Recip-the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement, Aci 1933. If the law was in need of reform, it was for the legislature, not the judiciary, to effect it.

Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner. Lord Goff and Lord Snowne-Wilkinson agreed.

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Where an arbitration clause proto three arbitrators, and one of capacitated, a party was not entitled to invoke section 7(a) of the of the Arbitration Act 1950 for the appointment of a new erhimanor but had to adopt the procedure under section 10(b).

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on March 27 in a reserved judgment when he granted the plaintiff's application for the appointment of Mr John Besman as a third arbitrator to replace Mr John Potter, who had

between the parties. HIS LORDSHIP said that there was a lacuna in the present arbitration procedure worthy of

rectification now that further

statutory amendments under consideration. The drawbacks were exemplified in the In addition to the costs incurred in relation to issuine an originating summons itself, the plaintiffs had to undertake two lengthy and expensive service processes in Brazil in order to invoke section 10, rather than the very simple

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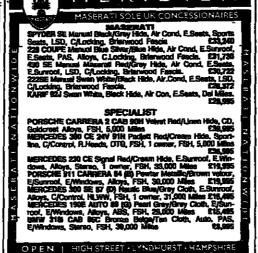
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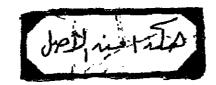
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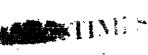
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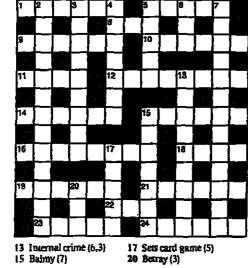
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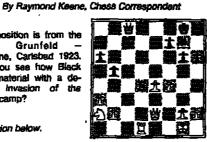
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I. LAURENCE JOHN VERNEY TO, DL. MA. RECORDER OF LONDON, do certify that I attended on the date appointed by you being the 2nd day of March 1992 at the Hollis Room, South Woodford Library, South Woodford, for the purpose of receiving nominations of persons to be elected Verderers of Epping Forest by the Electors of the Southern Forest perishes when DOCTOR ALWYN ERIC DORMER M.D., F.R.C.P., JOHN EDGAR HARVEY ESQUIRE, RICHARD LEIGHTON ESQUIRE and CLIVE ANTHONY RAMSEY ESQUIRE were duly nominated and seconded by the electors as candidates for the office of Verderer. That a poll being demanded. I appointed the 4th day of March 1993 for taking the poll at the following places in Epping Foresti-For the Electors

on the Register for the Parishes

Queen Mary and Westfield College Halls of Residence 98-110 High Road. South Woodford Spratt Hall Road

The Town Hall Forest Road.

Ham, Levion and AND WHEREAS the sold poll was taken on the day and at the places aforesaid between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

AND WHEREAS the said LAURENCE JOHN VERNEY and ROBERT DAVISON AND WHEREAS the Sid LAURENCE JOHN VERLENEY and ROBERT DAYISON.

LYMBERY, Q.C., M.A., LLB., COMMON SERJEANT OF LONDON, not being able to be present at the summing up of votes I. ALDERMAN SIR ALAN TRAILL.

G.B.E., Q.S.O., M.A., D Mus., duly appointed by THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR SIR BRIAN JENKINS, G.B.E., M.A., D.S., to act as the DETIMENT OF COMMON CONTROL OF CONTROL OF COMMON CONTROL OF COMMON CONTROL OF CONTROL OF COMMON CONTROL OF RETURNING OFFICER summed up the votes recorded in the Poll Books and ther

13 votes For Doctor Alwyn Eric Dormer For John Edgar Harvey Esquire 14 votes 5 votes

For Richard Leighton Esquire For Clive Anthony Ramsey Esquire 4 votes

AND DOCTOR ALWYN ERIC DORMER and JOHN EDGAR HARVEY ESQUIRE having obtained the greatest number of votes. I. the said ALDERMAN SIR ALAN TRAILL declare them to be duly elected Verderers of Epping Forest for the period of seven years from the 25th March 1992.

AND I, LAURENCE JOHN VERNEY DO ALSO CERTIFY that I attended on the AND LAURENCE JOHN VERNET DU ALSO CENTEY had a facended on the date appointed by you being the 2nd day of March 1992 at the Epping Forest Conservation Centre, High Beach, Loughton, for the purpose of receiving nominations of persons to be elected Verderers of Epping Forest by Electors of the Northern Forest Parishes when MICHAEL DAVIES ESQUIRE OBER, ROBERT MITCHELL ESQUIRE OBE, M.A., AND DOROTHY FRANCES OLIVER were

duly nominated and seconded by the electors as candidates for the office of Verderer. That a poll being demanded, I appointed the 5th day of March 1992 for taking the Poll at the following places in Epping Forest:-Town Council Offices For the electors on Epping 25. Hemnall Street.

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For Michael Davies Esquire O.B.E. For Robert Mitchell Esquire O.B.E., M.A., 72 votes 70 votes For Mrs. Dorothy Frances Oliver

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6.00 Ceefax (5048796) 6.15 Faces of Islam (r) (5036951)

9.05 Election Call presented Jonathan Dimbleby. Kenneth Clarke faces the phone in questions from viewers and listeners. To participate ring 071-799 5000. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (1423241)

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10.00 News, regional news and weather (4860661) 10.05 Playdays. For the young (s) (5921203) 10.25 The Family Ness. Animation (r) (4870048) 10.35 Gibberish. Two teams of celebrities in a fast-talking word game hosted by Kenny Everett (s) (7072715)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (3115390) 11.05 Health UK. Jane Asher and Linda Mitchell look into post-natal problems experienced by mothers (8042390) 11.30 People Today introduced by Minam Stoppard and Adrian Mills. Includes News, regional news and weather at 12.00 (8738241)

12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (8766951) 12.55 Regional News and weather (13770425)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (85574)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64354609) 1.50 Turnabout. Word game quiz with Rob Curling (64358425)

2.15 Film: Susan Slept Here (1954) starring Dick Powell and Debble Reynolds. Comedy about a Hollywood scriptwriter, researching for a film on juvenile delinquents, gets more than he bargained for when he agrees to look after one for the experience. Directed by Frank Tashlin (967593)

3.50 Bitsal (s) (9700113) 4.05 Orville and Cuddles (9733999) 4.10

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4.45 Newsround Election Special. The results of a poll conducted in thousands of schools across the country where pupits were asked who they would vote for if they were eligible (6391390)

5.05 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men. The final episode of Tony Robinson's comedy serial (r). (Ceefax) (8526357)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (275425). Northern Ireland: Election

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (22). Northern Ireland: Neighbours



Europe-bound: Terry Wogan and Michael Ball (7.00pm)

7.00 A Song for Europe. Michael Ball sings the eight songs from which viewers and listeners must pick one to represent the United Kingdom in the competition to be held in Sweden in May. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 2 (s) (251222)
7.40 Harry and the Hendersons. American family comedy (829116)
8.00 In Sickness and in Health. Last in the series and Alf is enjoying

living in the lap of luxury after discovering the fortune in cash. But this promises to be short-lived. (Ceefax) (s) (978116) 8.25 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. The accident-prone Frank Spencer in another collision of mishaps (r). (Ceefax) (515593)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News and Campaign Report with Michael Buerk.
(Ceefax) Regional news and weather (742406)

9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party (892999) 10.00 A Song for Europe. The song chosen to represent the United Kingdom is announced (s) (148715)

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10.20 Film: She's Having A Baby (1988) staming Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth McGovern. Cornedy by the creator of the hit Horne Alone about a young married couple who struggle with his writing career, her parents and the possibility of producing offspring. Directed by John Hughes. (Ceefax) (s) (678154). Northern Ireland: Mary Black 11.00 Sportscene 11.30 Dance With Me, Henry

12.00 Film: The Experts (1988) staming John Travolta and Arye Gross. Silly cornedy about a couple of streetwise New Yorkers who are

Silly comedy about a couple of streetwise New Yorkers who are conned into teaching American customs to a town full of KGB trainees. Directed by Dave Thomas. (Ceefax) (s) (23365). Northern Ireland: Film: Critical Condition

1.30 On the Hustings. The day's news from the constituencies (97704) 2.00 Weather (3268094)

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6.45 Open University: Arts — Composer and Audience (7345715).

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8.15 The Mighty Leek. Competitors prepare for the World Open Leek Championship (r). (Ceefax) (3172777)
9.00 Film: Career (1959, bw) starring Anthony Franciosca, Shirley MacLaine and Dean Martin. The story of a struggling actor trying to make it on Broadway and willing to do almost anything to realise his ambition. Directed by Joseph Anthony (33771339)
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10.40 Film: The Beachcomber (1955) starring Robert Newton and Glynis Johns. W. Somerset Maugham's story of a south seas wastrel who changes his way of life after an encounter with a woman missionary. Directed by Muriel Box (2591425)

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12.00 The Nutt House. American comedy series (r) (48208)

12.30 Save the Panda. The efforts to save the once plentiful Chinese giant panda from extinction (r) (7140512)

1.20 Brum (r) (24898970) 1.30 The Adventures of Spot (r) (21908574)

1.35 In the Post. Stamp design (r) (71897767)

2.00 News and weather (30362680) followed by Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes (r) (30361951)

2.10 Racing from Aintree. The 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.20 (37593883)

4.35 Look. Stranger. One man's ambition to rehuld an arcient bouse. 4.35 Look, Stranger. One man's ambition to rebuild an ancient house on the isle of Skye (r) (8385680) 5.00 Top Gear (r) (2241) 5.30 Thunderbirds. Puppet adventure series, (Ceefax) (170338) 6.20 Dr Who. Episode five of the six-part sci-fi story starring Jon Pertwee

(191390) 6.45 100 Per Cent. Teenage magazine (373883) Public Eye: Medicine in the Market Place — A Tale of Two Doctors. Peter Taylor reports on two doctors' views of fundholding



Airing the great nappy debate: Julian Pettifer (8.00pm)

8.00 Nature: Close Encounters of the European Kind. CHOICE: Promising a popular approach to a serious subject, Julian Pettifer presents a five-part series on how the European Community is shaping the British environment. Tonight's report is on the eco-label, an official stamp of green approval which the EC will be soon be awarding to household products such as washing machines and detergents. The film shows that the issue is rarely straightforward. Washing machines which use less water and electricity will be less environmentally damaging. They may also not wash clothes properly. There is a similar debate about detergents. Even nappies enter the argument. Are disposables, which produce more solid waste, more environmentally-friendly than doth nappies, which use more water? (Ceelax) (8425). Wales: Election

8.30 Gardeners' World. Includes a visit to a garden in Merton, south London, designed by Gertrude Jekyll (7932)

9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen On TV (r) (4951). Wales: Nature

 9.30 Arena: Last Supper — Frank on Frank.
 CHOICE: Robert Frank is the emigré Swiss whose spare, soulful photographs of his adopted land were collected in a famous book. The Americans, with an introduction by Jack Kerouac. Frank wen on to make films, notably one about a concert tour of the Rolling Stones which was disowned by its subjects on account of the explicit treatment of sex and drugs. Now somewhat of a veteran, I shows no sign of mellowing into orthodoxy. Devised for this programme, Last Supper makes few concessions to audiences steeped in traditional cinema. Shot mainly on a piece of waste ground in Harlem, it shows a disparate group of guests invited to a party. As they wait for the festivities to begin, they include in fragmented conversation on such matters as life, art and hailing a New York taxi. The intention remains obscure (30067) Wales:

10.30 Perty Election Broadcast by the Conservative party (355390) 10.40 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (557086)

11.35 What the Papers Say presented by Alan Rusbridger of The Guardian (397661) 11.50 Weather (571796)
11.55 Film: Freedom Is Paradise (1989) starring Volodya Kozyrev. An award-winning Russian drama directed by Sergei Bodrov. Subtitled (310339). Ends at 1.15am. Wales: (to 12.55) Arena

6.00 TV-am (8305680) 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Lennie Bennett with another round of the word association game show (s) (4945406) 9.55 Thames News (7103226) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical subject (2042241)



Food: Anne Robinson (centre) gives advice (10.40am)

ming. Magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes Anna Soubry previewing the latest big and small screen offerings; Anne Robinson with practical advice for consumers from the Good Housekeeping Institute; and a French language lesson. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional new at 11.55 followed by national weather (174200)

12.10 Rainbow. Pre-school series (r) (7679048) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (8479661) 1.10 Thames News (24896512)
 1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (65611256) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in rural Australia (7442290)

2.20 Highway to Heaven. Probationary angel Jonathan helps a has-been cornedian make a corneback and to renew his relationship with his estranged son. Starring Michael Landon and Donald

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3.55 Cartoon featuring Speedy and Daffy (r) (7509280) 4.00 Talespin. Animated adventure series (s) (6359947) 4.25 Truckers, Last in the series based on the book by Terry Pratchett (s) (9604951) 4.40 Spatz. Comedy drama set in a fast-food restaurant (9289845)
5.10 Home and Award (s) (Oracle) (8510796)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (8510796)5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (439796) 5.55 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough. The guests include Oscar winner Anthony Hopkins and former hostage Jackie Mann and his wife Sunnie (160951) 6.50 The Day. Twenty-four important hours

in the life of a member of the public (330208)
6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative party (780749)
7.00 The Help Squad. Michael Parkinson and his team come to the assistance of viewers with problems (6203)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (74)

8.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black presents the first of a new series of

good deeds on the unsuspecting. With Bob Carolgees and Tessa Sanderson. (Oracle) (s) (4319)

9.00 Growing Rich. The final epsiode of the dramatisation of Fay Weldon's devilish comedy-drama. (Oracle) (s) (7883)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle)

Weather (649406) 10.35 LWT News and weather (641609) 10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips and his team look at London's economy, focusing on the impact of the recession on the

region's marginal constituencies (897116)
11.30 Dial Midnight introduced by Anastasia Cooke and Samartha Norman. Phone-in dating series including a resident psychic (604864)

1.05am The James Whale Radio Show. The acerbic chat show host verbally abuses another selection of intrepid phoners-in (s) (6987029) 2.10 American Gladiators. Feats of strength (s) (8456297)

3.10 CinemAttractions. The latest news from the American movie scene (31039094)

3.40 Raw Power. Rock videos (s) (8140487) 4.30 The American Match. Highlights of the London Monarchs

Frankfurt game (59926)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (75433). Ends at 6.00

**CHANNEL 4** 

6.00 Channel 4 Dally (8303222) 9.25 Film: The Camels are Coming (1934, b/w) starring Jack Hulbert. Vintage comedy about a squadron leader on the trail of drug traffickers in Egypt. Directed by Tim Whelan (3506357)

traffickers in Egypt. Directed by Tim Whelan (3506357)

10.45 Pete Smith Specialities. How accidents happen (3066319)

11.00 Kingdoms of the East: The Last Round Up. A visit to Assam to wirness the art of catching wild elephants (r). (Teletext) (17816)

12.00 Noah's Ark. The world of the blue-footed booby, a fishing bird of the Galapagos (r). (Teletext) (99116)

12.30 Business Daily (41067) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (39222)

2.00 I Love Lucy (lov). Cornedy series starring Lucilie Ball (3357)

2.30 Film: For Valour (1937, b/w). A farce starring Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn in the dual roles of a crook and an honest man and their respective crooked son and grandson. Directed by Tom Walls (15118406)

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4.10 Pieter Breughel. A documentary about medieval everyday life in Belgium as depicted by the 16th-century Flemish painter Pieter Breughel (2074883) 4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving quiz (15)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Summerhill at 70. A documentary portrait of the unorthodox mixed boarding school in Suffolk (r) (3115)

6.00 Star Chamber. Norman Tebbit is the computer's last subject of the cone; (80)

Sens your Stone Countries of Sharon Stone, Derni Moore and David Hasselhoff (32)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Ion Snow and Fiona Murch Includes reaction to the election campaign by 100 floating voters. (Teletext) Weather (899406) 7.50 Voters. Three women in a Belfast fish-and-

chip shop discuss election issues (137448)



Trapped: Alexandra Fletcher as Jackie Dixon (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. Jackie Dixon, anxious to be accepted as one of the gang, is trapped in the blazing primary school set alight by her vandal boymend, Darren. Starring Alexandra Fletcher and Matthew Crompton. (Teletext) (s) (3593) 8.30 Short Stories: Plane Scared.

 CHOICE: According to a survey, flying is the fourth most common fear in Britain after snakes, heights and storms and ranks equal with a trip to the dentist. Not many people may know that British Airways, presumably anxious not to lose potential business, runs a fear of flying course, it lasts a day, costs £120 and includes a short flight over the English countryside. Gill Brown's film follows some of reluctant fliers as they try to overcome their nerves. No one is pretending the course is a cure. The most it claims is helping people to cope better. For one woman, already worned about a holiday flight nine months ahead, the dress rehearsal is a palpable ordeal. She is convinced the plane will crash and even when it doesn't she is relieved to reach terra firma and a stiff drink (2628)

9.00 Cheers. More beery laughs from the patrons and staff of the celebrated Boston watering hole. (Teletext) (s) (6319)
Flowering Passions. Anna Parord meets Tony Bracegirdle as he struggles to create the perfect rose (r). (Teletext) (21203)

10.00 Roseanne. Blue-collar cornedy. (Teletext) (s) (90845)
 10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Clive Anderson, in New York, is joined by, among others, by Ryan Stiles and Chip Esten (s) (98703)

11.00 An Audience with Victoria Wood (r) (88661) 12.00 Midnight Special (55742) 2.00am Tonight with Jonathan Ross, As 6.30pm (s) (73297) 2.30 Star Chamber, As 6.00pm (52704). Ends at 3.00

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 10.00 Fulfilment (1989): A husband calls on his brother for help when he cannot get his wife pregnant (90357) 12.00 American Eyes (1989): A Korean boy

adapts to life in the US (60116)
1.00pm The Fourth Man (1990). A boy turns to steroids to improve his achieuc performance (79854)
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.15am Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves (1944) Starning Mana Montez (819512) 8.15 The Pantasy World of George Pal (1987): Documentary (984350) 10.15 Cry. The Beloved Country (1551): A black South African manufer searches the cry for his son (904154) 12.15pm. The Proud. Rebel. (1956): A heliracer demand: help for his more son from the medical authorities (256406) 2.15 Road Raiders (1989): A plane crosses into laborate occupied remtor. (279970).

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11.30 London Mozart Players
under Andrew Parrott perform
Mozart (Divertimento in D. K. 2511, Strauss (Oboe Concerto) Beethoven (Romance for violin and orchestra, Op 50), Schubert (Symphony No 5) 1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester, Bernard

1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester. Bernard Roberts, piano, plays Debussy (Hommage à Rameau, Images, Set 1, Préludes, Book 2)

2.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra under Jim Starek plays Josef Bohustay, Foerster (Sparts On 93). Krissmer. (Spring, Op 93); Krommer (Clannet Concerto in E flat, Op 2.45 Hexham Abbey Festival

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RTE 1

6.55am Weather; News 7.00 Morning Concert: Rossni (Overture L'inganno felice); King Alfonso El Sabio (Cantigas de Santa Maria); Telemann (Viola Concerto in

G)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Mayer! (Three Dances in
Syncopation); Satie (Ballet,
Parade); Solal (Valstrude);
Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata); Liszt
(Symphonic poem) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Haydn (Symphony No 52 in C
minor: La Petite Bande under
Sigsswald Kuijken); (Baryton
Trio: Symphony No 51 in B
flat: English Concert under
Trevor Pinnock)

9.35 Memories of Florence: Landani (Ecco la Primavera); Malvezzi/Cavalien (Jove's Grit to Mortals of Rythmn and Harmony, Florence Intermeds of 1589), Coupenn (La

Gerald Gifford, organ, harpsichord, plays Michel Corrette (Basse de Trompette, Tho Offeriore, L'Edatante);

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ne conducted it with the BSC. Philharmonic at Leeds Town Hall, and this is the recording we hear tonight. No better account exists of the strange circumstances surrounding the writing of the Requiera than H. C. Robbins Landon's 1791, Mazar's Last Year, still very much in out!

much in print 9.00 Images of James K Baxter. (1926-1972) A profile of the New Zealand poet 9.45 Voices from Brno: Janatek Volces from terno: Janace (Sonata, IX 1905); Michal Kosut (The World of Jan Zrzany); Pavel Movak (The Garden of Delights); Peter Graham (Dumky); Miloslav Istvan (Canzona); The Stations of the Cost

10.45 The Stations of the Cross Smon Wright performs the symphons: peem by Marcel
Symphons: peem by Marcel
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Ampleforth Abbey 11.30 New
11.35-12.35am Composers of the
Week: Knussen (Coursing Symphony No 3); Holloway (Concerto for Orchestra No 2)

Starts: 4.00 News (12990999) followed by Irish Masters Snooker and Racing from Aintree (93563999) 9.00 News (2148628) 9.30 The late Late Show 899152777 11.35 News (1009135) followed by Scene of the

RADIO 3

Vatre La de Belombre); Claude Balbastre (Votre bonté grand dieu, La Lugeac)

3.45 Youth Orchestras of the World: Britten (Serenade for tenor, hom and strangs: Swiss Youth SO under Andreas Delfs); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1: Vladim Repin, violin); Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Granes: Youth Philharmonic of Belgium under Ronald Zoltman)

5.00 Mainty for Pleasure

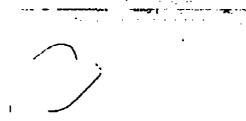
6.30 Phantom Navigations: Featuring the jazz-rock

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear. Mark Haworth-Booth talks to artist Zarina 8himii 7.30 Solti Conducts Mozart: 88C Philharmonic orchestra performs Mozart (Symphony No 40 in 6 minor, K 550); 8.05 Mozart (Requiem, K 526) © CHOICE: Early last December, as part of the climactic concert of Vienna's Mozart bicentennial celebrations, Solti conducted the Vienna Philharmonic in the Requem. A few days earlier, he conducted it with the BBC Philharmonic at Leeds Town

presented by Jenni Mills from Birmingham. Features include dance in Shakespeare's day,— the teaching of Shakespeare in schools and his political importance. Plus, the second in a sense of 11 martings by in a senes of 11 readings by Marie Collett from *The Getti* of Wisdom by Henry Handel Richardson 11.30 The Natural History
Programme (FM only):
Presented by Jessica Holm12.00 You and Yours with John

> with Derek Cooker
> 1.00 The World at One: The latest news and election coverage presented by James Naughtic and Nick Clarke (LW only from 1 400cm) 1.40pm)
> 1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r)
> 2.00 Classic Serial: Tess of the
> d'Urbervilles. The first of three
> episodes dramatising Thomas
> Hardy's classic novel (r) (s)
> 3.00-4.00 Compaign Report (UA)

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RADIO 4 (s) Stereo on FM.
5.55am Shipping
6.00 News, ind 6.03 Weather
6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, ind 7.00 7.30 8.00
8.30 News 6.55 7.55 West 3.00 Special Assignment (FM only): BBC correspondents report on the main topics in this week's world news
3.30 Bookshelf (FM only) features the disturbing work of Edgar Allen Poe (s)
4.00 News 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.53 Party Election Broadcast by the Natural Law party 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow visits an exhibition which

displays the art of Pompeii and displays the art of Pompeii and listeness respond to the recent programme about folk arts. Plus, reviews of Verdi's opera Dan Carlos, directed by David 9.00 News 9.05 Election Call with Kenneth 9.05 Election Call with Kenneth Clarke, education secretary (071-799 5000) 10.00-10.15 Daily Service (LW only)-10.00-10.30 Carry on Up the Zeitgeist (PM only): Bernice Goes to the Royal Court. In the third of six programmes, Edward Bishen looks at 1956, the year when everyone started shouting — the most Pourtney at the English National Opera; the radio adaptation of Test of the d'Urbendies; a non-musical version of Les Miserables opening in Nottingham; the reissue of Elizabetham watercolourist, Nicholas Hilliard's The Art of Limming (s) 4.45 Short Story; in the Withsak's Shade by Herman Charles Roteman Read by Lark Moff (s) started shouting — the most famous example being John Osborne's Jirumy Porter in Look Back in Anger 10.15-10.30 The Bible (LW only). The second of two extracts from Moses and the Battisk

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Hugh Syles
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6.00 Going Places: Transport
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David Steel
8.50 Stop Press with Geoffrey
Goodman
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 Letter from America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
10.00 The World Tonight with
Richard Kershaw (s) Richard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime

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11.05 Week Ending: A satrical at this week's news, with Walls, David Tate, Sally Gard Brian Bowles
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